URI Alumni’s Journey: Industry to Entrepreneurship

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Ryan Zaczynski is a digital strategy consultant, entrepreneur, and accomplished engineer. He began his career in corporate management in the medical device industry, and he has since served as Director of Strategy & Operations of a Y Combinator backed mobile app startup, and COO of native eCommerce leather goods brand Wool & Oak. Ryan is the creator of his own product, Bandliners, a first of its kind product for wristwatches & wearable devices; it was launched on Kickstarter and has since sold to customers in over 30 countries. Ryan holds dual undergraduate degrees B.S. Electrical Engineering and B.S. Biomedical Engineering from The University of Rhode Island, and an MBA from the NYU Stern School of Business. He was honored as the inaugural recipient of The University of Rhode Island’s “10 Under 10” Award, representing the College of Engineering, for his accomplishments in business and engineering.

Nikola Mrvaljevic graduated with dual undergraduate BS degrees in Biomedical Engineering and Electrical Engineering from the University in Rhode Island and Masters in Electrical Engineering. Later, he moved to Seattle for Ph.D., but instead finished with an MBA. He worked in the corporate world as an engineer, then product manager, and finally an M&A analyst before founding Strive Tech. As an ex-basketball player, and with a passion for human performance, he started Strive Tech in 2015 with a goal to quantify human performance and improve mission readiness. Strive Tech produces and sells performance tracking wearable technologies seamlessly integrated into compression shorts for both female and male athletes utilize in all training settings.