

**Assignment 2:  
POVs and  
Experience  
Prototypes**

**CS 147: Augmented  
Humans**

## Our team



Sofía



Chris



Abrahm



Starr

## Our domain

# Mental Health

within Augmented Humans

## **We met...**

Ben, a high school senior from Palo Alto High School

## **We we were amazed to learn...**

He used to run daily to destress but stopped once he got sick

## **It would be gamechanging if...**

We could design a solution that gave people a way to destress that fit with their current lifestyles

“Privilege often  
leads to a lack of  
resiliency”



Pressure to succeed  
prevents actual  
self-learning

John Barton

“There are beneficial  
and detrimental  
approaches for dealing  
with stress”



“Saying no is crucial”

Dr. Julie Sutcliffe

Sets aside time  
every evening to  
destress



Matthew

Technology is the  
biggest distraction

## **We met...**

Caroline, a Bridge peer counselor

## **We we were amazed to learn...**

Not all students fit into the Bridge's step-by-step program

## **It would be gamechanging if...**

We could give each student a plan that worked for them

## **We met...**

John Barton, a RF in West Flo

## **We we were amazed to learn...**

Most of the students with mental health crises didn't have previous issues, but instead came from privileged backgrounds and had never learned resiliency

## **It would be gamechanging if...**

Teach people resiliency without having to undergo trying experiences



## **We met...**

Jules, a high school student from Paly

## **We we were amazed to learn...**

Technology played a big role in organizing her life but also caused a lot of stress

## **It would be gamechanging if...**

We could find a way to keep her organized without her phone



# How might we...

make

procrastination

productive

# How might we...

teach

resiliency

through good

experiences

# How might we...

understand  
someone else's  
experiences

Reward for  
challenges

Task genie

make  
procrastina-  
tion  
productive

understand  
someone  
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teach  
resiliency  
through good  
experiences

Switch bodies  
with another  
person

# Prototype 1: Learning from experience

1. Person A plays a card game in person
2. Person B watches video of Person A's game
3. Compare responses





Doing task =  
detail-oriented,  
self-reflective



Undergoing  
unfamiliar task  
was very  
stressful



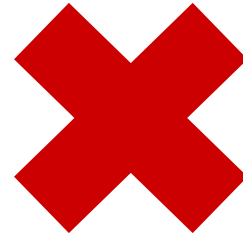
# Prototype 2: Choices, choices, choices

1. Participant copies poem
2. Give choice to watch funny video or finish HW





Suggested a  
healthy break to  
get to know  
organizer



Did not choose  
the productive  
route, task was  
boring

# Prototype 3: To prepare or not to prepare

1. Give participant a quiz
2. Give them opportunity to make study guide





Did not choose  
to dedicate time  
to study,  
despite greater  
chance of reward



Reward might  
not have been  
enough to  
justify means

# Key Takeaways

- People are willing to take from work to do things that interest them
- Learning from experience is much more effective than learning secondhand

How can we use  
breaks to learn new  
skills?

How can  
skill-building be a  
means to maintaining  
mental wellbeing?

Questions?