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From left: Qi Wang of Xian, China; 16-year-old pre-med student Ty Muhammad of Phoenix; and industrial engineering student Jeanbat Busisi of the Democratic Republic of Congo laugh as they work on Gabby, an app designed to monitor the health of seniors by tracking their motion and heart rate and contact emergency help if needed.

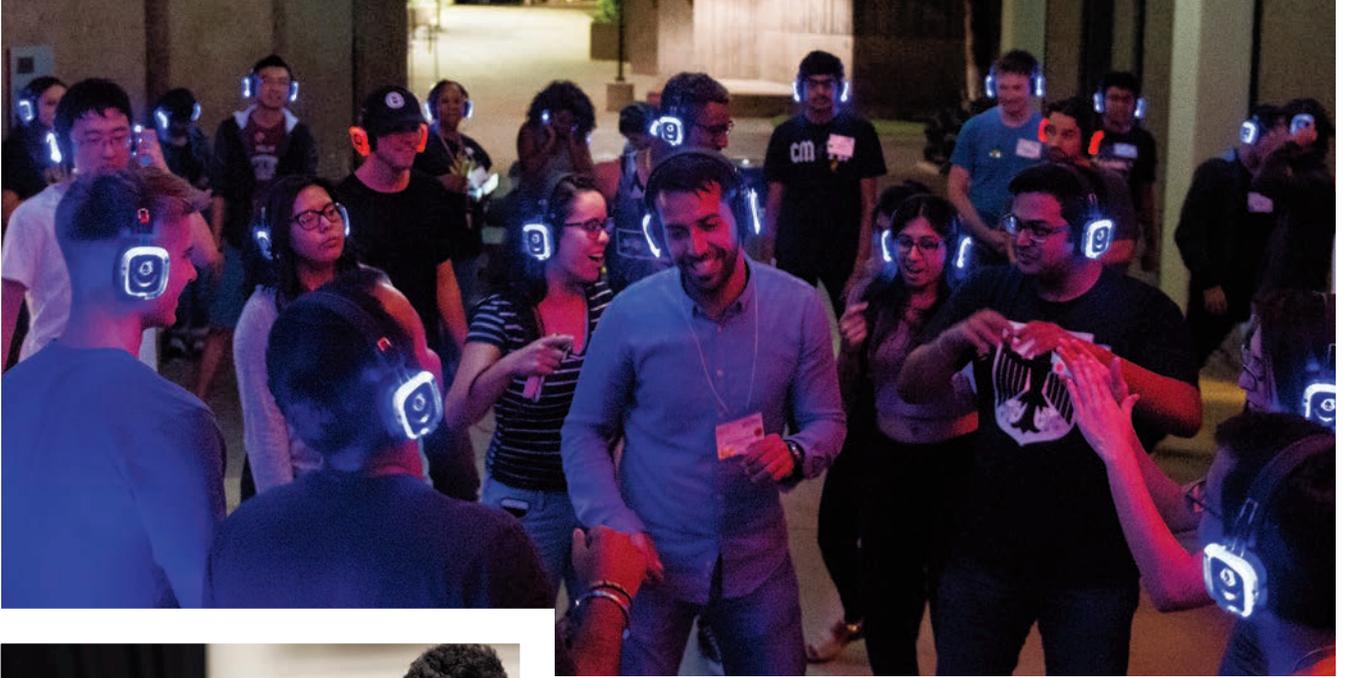


# Hacks for Humanity



Sometimes changing the world involves fun and games — and innovative thinking. For the 36-hour hackathon in October called Hacks for Humanity, participants from all over the world gathered, utilizing their technology and teamwork skills to create apps and websites to better the community.

Left: Eddie Lai, a chemical engineering major, lies on a table to rest his eyes while his long-time friend and teammate, Gaurav Deshpande, works beside him.



Above: After a long day of hacking, teams take a break and participate in a "silent disco." Each participant wore wireless headphones and danced to synchronized music.



Left: Jacob Robinson, Julia Cannon, Mohitn Doshi and Anthony Nicholas gather around team member Summer Gautier, a 16-year-old high school student.



Above: Participants at the Hacks for Humanity event on Oct. 7 gather into groups and disperse throughout the Stauffer Building at ASU.



Left: TJ Cuddy and Mohammad Aldaja work on their team's application, "RecognizeWe," while relaxing on chairs made of balloons and masking tape. The team was awarded third place at the hackathon.