



LEMELSON-MIT ILLINOIS STUDENT PRIZE



Steven created his product, Drop Point, when he was working with a fellow student who had lost the use of his arms in a tragic accident. Steven's design is an alternative to a head-pointer which replaces the functions of the arms. The design of the Drop Point is more compact, inconspicuous and affordable than other options. The product was created to give users more independence and freedom from the outside help that other models require by making it easy to put on and take off with the use of the user's neck muscles. While other models are placed over the user's head, the Drop Point rests on their neck and can be easily picked up and taken off with a scoop of their chin. Steven's product will help people complete basic functions as well as give them an inexpensive alternative to a necessary device.

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