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**UW-Platteville student wins first place for assistive zipper device**

Captions

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*The Easy Zip design is intended for individuals who may struggle to free fabric caught in a zipper due to limited hand mobility. (UW-Platteville)*

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“Being recognized with this award shows me that people genuinely value my ideas,” said Norgal. (UW-Platteville)*