

So far, the program has been well-received locally, and has opened doors for students that may have remained locked without it. "A few years back, we had Ferrari open up their showroom and service center to our students to check out the cars," Leo says. Students auctioned their work to help support the program. "We also have a great collaboration with the Petersen Automotive Museum. They have been generous with us, providing space to showcase some of the students' best work."

Leo's students also went to the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach last year with another organization called Racers Who Care. "[They] had the opportunity to talk to professional racecar drivers and the crews about the concept of teamwork and working hard to achieve their goals," he says.