



# Something Big Just Happened.

Over two mornings in May, eight remarkable students from across the globe shared what they've been quietly building — research, nonprofits, platforms, and stories already making a difference. This is what the Leadership & Innovation Lab exists for.

<b>8</b> Student Projects	<b>7</b> Countries	<b>\$6K</b> Venture Funding	<b>13</b> Ventures Funded	<b>4</b> Golden Quill Honorees
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## Xinlin Lyu

### *Shark Bycatch Mortality in Commercial Longline Fishery*

Rigorous research into shark deaths in commercial fisheries — and exactly what conservation can do about it.

## Marcus Lau

### *No Place to Call Home — Documentary*

A youth-directed documentary on homelessness in Canada, featuring MPs, professors, and lived experiences.

## Claire Wei

### *PainMap — AI Sports Injury Screening*

An intelligent framework for teenage athletes, filling the gap left by 70% of Ohio schools having no athletic trainer.

## Victor Wen

### *TOPSOJ — Math Contest Platform*

120 countries, 12K active users, and a partnership with 3Blue1Brown — plus a masterclass in building community.

## Scarlett Lu

### *Period Unlimited*

Dismantling menstrual health stigma through TikTok, investigative essays, and real-world activations.

## Mikaela Vernick

### *Design to Smile*

Turning checkout into a moment of generosity — already delivering to seniors in Miami, toolkit coming for all.

## Tim Chen

### *Youth Lens Initiative*

Free photography workshops for under-resourced 10–14 year olds with a permanent archive and public exhibition.

## ◆ GOLDEN QUILL PRIZE

Gr 7–8 Top	<b>Elena Ji</b> <i>Eleanor's Clock</i>
Bronze	<b>Maggie Hsu</b> <i>The Last Threshold</i>
Silver	<b>Michael Yan</b> <i>One Minute One Rope</i>
■ Gold	<b>A Tahir</b> <i>The Unseen Edge</i>

## ◆ LIL VENTURE FUND AWARDEES

13 projects funded · \$6,000 awarded · demand was 6x available funds

- › Empower Asia
- › Leukemia Warrior Support Platform
- › Saint Martin Digital Learning Platform
- › Behavioral Design Card Game
- › Partake
- › SwapCard
- › Sunflower Project
- › Temprano
- › Online Ordering System
- › PayMap
- › Math Tutoring Project
- › EquipU
- › Ellis Space Coast Branch

***"Every project began with a student who looked at the world and thought: I could make this a little better. And then set out to actually do it."***