



Judge John M. Phillips (resting against the car door) meets with the Pebble Beach Concours staff and our Volunteer Committee Chairs in one of the classrooms at Rancho Cielo.

A Trip to Rancho Cielo

WITNESSING OUR DONATIONS AT WORK

On a recent fall day, Judge John M. Phillips, founder of Rancho Cielo, warmly welcomed the Pebble Beach Concours team and Volunteer Committee Chairs to the vocational school's remarkable campus, nestled in the scenic hills of Salinas, California.

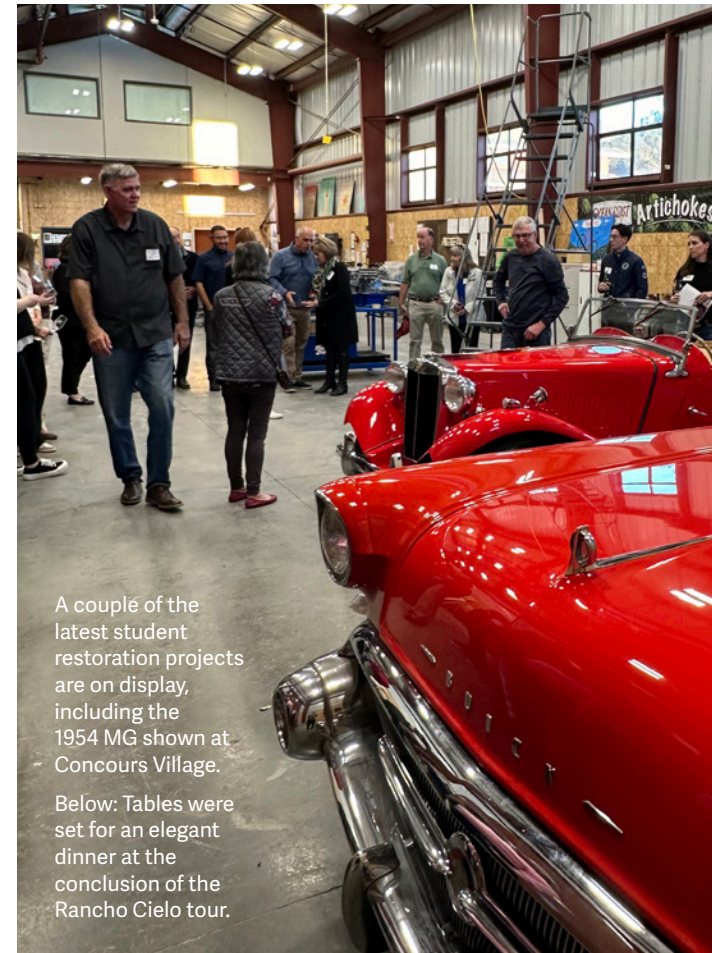
In his former role as a Monterey Superior Court Judge, Phillips was consistently confronted with the decision to pardon or incarcerate young first-time offenders—and he longed for a third option to help break the cycle of recidivism he saw all too often. In 2000, he turned his vision into a reality, founding Rancho Cielo—a place where young people could find a path to success, developing practical skills to help them enter the workforce. Today, Rancho Cielo stands as a proud charity partner of the Pebble Beach Concours and the Pebble Beach Company Foundation, united by a commitment to educate and empower future generations.

Recognizing the massive impact Pebble Beach Concours volunteers have on the Concours' ability to support the

community, Judge Phillips was eager to open Rancho Cielo's doors for our Volunteer Committee Chairs to witness firsthand the programs and resources their efforts support.

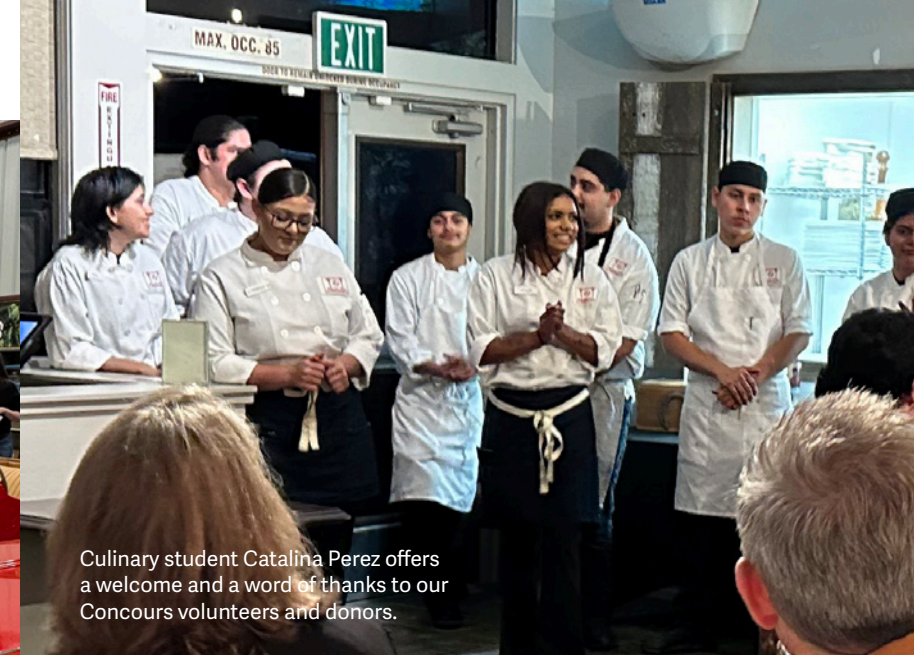
Our tour began at the recently completed Ted Taylor Ag Vocational Center, which serves as the vibrant heart of Rancho Cielo's educational initiatives. Among the programs housed here is the Don Williams Classic Car Restoration Program, generously supported by donors of our treasured car community to foster the next generation of classic car restorers.

A testament to the program's success, a freshly restored red 1954 MG is proudly displayed in the restoration workshop. That same car was on display at Concours Village this year, accompanied by the students who had restored it. With pride and enthusiasm, Phillips spoke of the students' dream to one day restore a vehicle worthy of the Concours show field.



A couple of the latest student restoration projects are on display, including the 1954 MG shown at Concours Village.

Below: Tables were set for an elegant dinner at the conclusion of the Rancho Cielo tour.



Culinary student Catalina Perez offers a welcome and a word of thanks to our Concours volunteers and donors.

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— DENNIS PALMA, SHOW FIELD MANAGEMENT & PEBBLE BEACH TOUR d'ELEGANCE



Judge Phillips also walked us through other wings of the campus explaining that what began as basic job training has blossomed into a suite of specialized programs focusing on the culinary arts, ag technology & mechatronics, construction & sustainable design, auto & diesel repair, and welding & fabrication, as well as the auto restoration program.

The support we provide to Rancho Cielo and more than 100 other nonprofits in our community is made possible by our 1,000+ volunteers, many of whom have dedicated decades of service to the Concours. “Seeing what these students are accomplishing and the excitement surrounding this vocational training in our community is truly inspiring,” said Dennis Palma, who oversees Concours volunteers for show field management and the Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance.

Our tour concluded at the Drummond Culinary Academy, where students treated us to an exceptional dining experience, serving each course with grace and skill. As pistachio panna cotta was served for dessert, Committee Chair Larry Walker inspired even greater generosity, proposing a well-deserved “tip” for the culinary students, prompting contributions from all. The meal was a fitting testament to the remarkable potential fostered at Rancho Cielo, leaving us with a deep appreciation for the young talent and dedicated donors of our car community.