Spartan Racing's 2016 is a wrap!

Our schedule this year included competitions at both FSAE Michigan and FSAE Lincoln. We saw many up and downs throughout the year, and overall it was a great year that helped push our team forward.

Shortly after our Unveiling at San Pedro Square Market, a large portion of our team left for our first competition FSAE Michigan. In the first event we noticed engine issues that could have taken us out of the race. Fortunately, we were able to diagnose and solve the issue between events. We went on to place 16th overall which was an improvement of 21 positions compared to last year!

As soon as the car arrived back in San Jose, we began making changes and testing to improve on the issues we saw in Michigan. While our time was limited to a mere 2 weeks, we left for Lincoln feeling confident and prepared in our ability to defend our title.

All 80 of the other competitors came to Lincoln looking to take home their own gold medal. Entering the last event of the competition we were among the top five competitors. There was no clear points leader and the first place prize was still up for grabs. In the first half of the endurance, we set one of the fastest times of the day and continued to push strong until just over the halfway mark. On lap 11 of 15, SR-8 was pulled off course by officials for an inspection due to our sudden slowing of pace. During the inspection it was determined that SR-8 was not capable of finishing the race.

While it was not the finish we had all hoped for, it has not discouraged this team. If anything, we are now more determined than ever to get back to that top position!

We would like to thank all of our sponsors, families, friends, San Jose State faculty and others for all of the help and support you have given us in our endeavors! With your help, Spartan Racing will continue to provide a platform for students to gain real world experience and prepare for our careers ahead. For more information check out our [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [website](#).