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Robotics for Me

When I first saw it move I was amazed. It's gears just swayed to and fro, and I couldn't believe that after a week of work I had something that actually moved. My grades were taking a plunge, I hated school, and I couldn't find any interest in anything that had to do with science. Once the Vex kit was handed to me, I realized that I had something special in my hands and that I had a real passion for this. What I failed to understand was that this was bringing me back to my science class. A mechanical passion for building robots was able to, in an unimaginable way, bring me back the joy of learning. I have since then competed in the VRC with all too much love and joy for creating a robot. Robotics was able to save me. I took an interest in school again, I had a hobby, I enjoyed life again. To me, robotics is more than just a gold medal and bragging rights; to me robotics is a hobby, a sport, a joy of life. It surpasses the cost of a strip of metal, it brings happiness to the one involved. Vex pieces aren't chunks of scrap metal they're keys of opportunity which you mix together to create anything you want. This is what robotics is for me.