## Senior VEX Experience

The last of anything, is always important. It makes people reflect on life, and for me, previous experiences with robotics. When I think of high school, I will always remember the good times in robotics first. As corny as it sounds, it really is a family. I have had the luck to get to know, and work, with the coolest people my first year. The best ones stayed and the others fell behind. They are all now my lifelong friends.

Opportunities rarely knock on peoples' doors. In my high school, CHAMPS, these knocks happen a lot. Teachers that care make it happen. These teachers are not like any regular teachers, instead, they are professionals and masters of their crafts, same in our robotics class. Our teacher and mentor, Mrs. Aldrich, helps us achieve our individual goals by giving in-class challenges that mimic how engineers work in the outside world.

VEX has made it possible for me, and the rest of the robotics academy, to plan for the future and not give up, which is the most important thing in ones young life. Robotics has opened my eyes up to many different fields and has helped me decide what I want to do in life. VEX gives kids the opportunity to dream and have a future.