



What Robotics Means to Me

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The reason that I initially joined robotics was to have the opportunity to work as a team member to build a robot and learn how to drive it. After being a member of the VEXMEN robotics club for eight months, I have realized that there are many ways that students can benefit from participation:

Giving students a problem to solve like Round Up, and having them develop a plan which includes programming and building the robot themselves, helps to develop our creativity and critical thinking skills. I believe that these are important qualities to develop as we will use them often when we enter college.

The concept of seeing each member as an asset that can benefit the team as a whole appeals to me greatly. Working as a team member gives me the opportunity to interact with people who have very different personalities. Developing the skill to do so, in a respectful and productive way, will benefit me through adulthood.

Attending weekly practices and monthly competitions with my team members has prepared me to compete in the World Competition. I am particularly excited to compete with students from other countries and to see how they went about solving the same problem with their robots.