

“What VEX robotics means to me”

I truly believe VEX robotics has changed my life. I never thought I could ever build a robot; it looked too complicated and not in my range of capabilities. Looking back, taking initiative to *join* my school’s robotics club was the most difficult step. Since then, it has been hard not to eat, sleep, and breathe robots! Robotics has become the highlight of my day. Whether or not I have had a bad day at school, after a build session or a meeting with my teammates, I always leave with a smile. At every competition we attend, I cannot help but feel a huge sense of accomplishment and pride for our team when we win a match, get picked for an alliance, or win an award. What makes me even more proud is when I see team members working together to solve an issue, cheering each other on during a match, or wearing tinsel in their hair to show their team spirit. Being part of our robotics team is so much more than building and programming VEX parts. Students in the robotics club are not just teammates; we have made many great friendships through robotics that last outside of build sessions and competitions. Robotics has given me confidence in my engineering skills and inspiration towards future goals. Now, I have applied to engineering programs at several universities and am extremely excited to pursue engineering as a career. For all of this, I owe a big thank-you to VEX robotics.

