What VEX is to me.

To me, VEX is the progression of my life. First it was building blocks, then Lego, now VEX. It is the embodiment of my personality, and a medium for my ideas. I have wanted to be an engineer for as long as I can remember, but this goal had drifted from me in my first couple of years in high school. I was no longer “that kid who can build things” but “that dorky kid who plays with Lego”. I forgot about my passion. It was still there, but I had no drive, no desire to build and create. VEX gave me an outlet for that. It was a system more advanced than anything I had used before, yet in some ways, exactly like the toys I had played with as a child. It all began to flow again. I took charge and soon enough, I had a robot in front of me. It did terribly. The next year, we did a little better and this year, better than that. VEX is the building blocks of my childhood, all grown up, it recaptures my youth, but also guides me towards my hopeful future as an engineer. VEX was the next step in growing up for me, and is a platform to take me onwards in life.

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