

What Vex Robotics means to me?

That is a tough question to answer, but I can simply say that VEX is my life. I eat, sleep and breathe VEX. VEX has given me further education and career aspirations and following on from the skills I have learned from designing and constructing robots, I would like to do engineering at university and follow this into a career.

To me VEX is not only about the competition, there is a huge social aspect and through the unity of team work, I have made many friends both within my own country and internationally. With social media, and having the opportunity to travel to the Worlds last year, I have been able to meet and share experiences, with those who live halfway around the other side of the world.

VEX also allows me to develop my IT skills, and project management. It also gives me the opportunity to spend time with our team's mentor, who also happens to be my father. VEX has brought our family closer together, with Dad being mentor, and Mum (Mom) being the teams administrator. We even roped in other members of the family to help with our teams serious fundraising efforts.

Overall I thank VEX for allowing me to develop my skills further than I thought possible. Several skills which have become more noticeable to me and my peers are leadership, planning, and the willingness to try things outside the square, especially when I can use Autodesk inventor.