VEX means different things for everyone, but for me VEX changes your future and your life. Before I joined team 359 “Hawaiian Kids”, I was not doing any extracurricular activities so all I did was do my homework and sleep all afternoon. I started slacking off in school because I was bored and I really did not know what I wanted to do in the future, so what was the point.

Once I joined Waialua’s VEX team, everything changed for me. Mentors were teaching me all sorts of new things that I never knew about before. I learned how to program and build my own robots. Instead of doing nothing at home, I am actually doing something that can change my future. After finishing my first robot, I competed in a VEX competition; it was a whole new experience for me. At the competition I saw other unique robots and met new people who also enjoyed VEX. The competition was intense for me but in the end I won my first competition and made new friends. After the competition I was focused on winning “Worlds”.

VEX robotics changed my future from nothing to wanting to become an engineer. I work harder in school so I can achieve my goal. VEX is helping me in math and science by making me think and more things are making sense to me. If it were not for VEX my life would just be average.