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Before I discovered VEX I had no place to channel my interests. I liked construction equipment, and whenever there was a new electric appliance running I could be seen trying to figure out how it worked. But there was nowhere to use and develop that knowledge that was, by any means, safe to use. VEX solved that problem. VEX is a cool safe way to learn about robotics, you get to design a robot (not just assemble one) and compete using your team’s creation. It has helped me communicate to my teammates on the cusp of victory, and to work with other people when the robot just sits on the field like a display. These are just some of the skills you learn in the VEX robotics competition. The VEX design system is versatile, there is a whole catalog of parts, most of which can be used over ten different ways. There is a changing game each year that is new, fun, and is the kind of game where there is not just one good way to build your robot. The wiring is simple and effective, yet not limiting. VEX has brilliant motors and servos that are not too expensive, but have high torque and can be mounted in a pinch! And while you will still see me studying a forklift, it’s probably because I’m working on our team’s lift. Anyway, got to go…I think I hear a trash truck on our street.

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