While most little girls liked playing with dolls and ponies, I liked building with Legos and spending hours on our computer. As I grew older, I realized I was a bit different but did not yet know where life would take me.

Wanting to foster my curiosity in science and technology further, I joined my school’s VEX robotics team. It was the team’s first year, yet we managed to qualify for the World Championships!

My experience at the World Champions remains unforgettable. Surrounded by people who shared a similar interest in engineering, I felt part of something larger than life. I was so inspired by everyone’s enthusiasm and appreciation for science and technology, I knew I had found my passion.

VEX robotics fueled my interest in science and opened my eyes to the realm of engineering. I started to view the world with a different lens – a clock was no longer just a device to tell time, but a precise, intricate piece of machinery. I began to realize that engineering was not merely a discipline, but a way of life. It was about finding innovative solutions to problems present everywhere.

Every day I am discovering something new I can do with computers and technology, and that simply keeps me excited – and sometimes awake late into the night. My experience with robotics and programming has motivated me to pursue a career as a robotics engineer.

Now, while most of my friends spend their weekends shopping, I spend mine building robots.