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When VEX teams build robots, they may not think of changing the world. But that is exactly what they are doing. When teams compete in local and international VRC tournaments, it might not look like they are preparing to be the next Bill Gates or Neil Armstrong, but they are. When you watch a team struggle building and redesigning the same concept over and over, finally reaching the perfect design, you might not guess that they will create the next generation of cars, power plants, computers, and space shuttles, but they will.

VEX robotics is the catalyst that channels the creative energy of smart kids into something tangible, and shows them that they can solve real world problems. VEX robotics teaches kids the teamwork and leadership skills they need to succeed in future jobs. VEX robotics is one of the best programs in the world for getting kids excited about science, math, engineering and technology, and it will be one of the most important agents in the creation of the future.

So what does VEX robotics mean to me and so many others? VEX robotics means a rewarding future career, the potential for exciting new technology, and a better world for tomorrow.