I joined VEX a year ago, I was reluctant at first to even join, but after my first meeting I knew that the experience I had found was irreplaceable. I loved tinkering with parts and connecting seemingly pointless shafts of aluminum into a highly sophisticated machine. I loved thinking of new ways to solve an infinite amount of problems, but mostly I loved the group spirit and the entire VEX community.

For these reasons I did not want to leave VEX, causing me to be even more conflicted in my decision of whether to stay at my current school for high school, that I had been at since kindergarten or to attend Thomas, a magnet school in which I had been accepted. At first it seemed like a no brainer, obviously I would want to go to such an elite school, but then I realized that TJ did not have a school sponsored VEX team, and I would have to quit VEX. I contemplated this for a long time, but eventually I gave up and decided to at least give TJ a try.

About a month in to my freshman year at TJ, a junior stopped and asked me whether I had done VEX the previous year. I told him that yes, I had done VEX; a week or so later I received a message from him inviting me to join his club VEX team. I was thrilled to once again be involved with robotics and the entire VEX community.