

When I get interested in something, I get obsessed. I absorb every bit of information and try to learn more about the subject. After a month, I usually lose interest and go along with my day. I have been obsessed with robots for 2 years, and I can't stop. Robotics has played a huge role in my life. It has affected many of my decisions and future career choices.

I started getting involved in robotics in 2007. It was an JFLL team mainly composed of a bunch of my friends and me. At the competition, we received the Technical Award which my whole team was extremely proud of. After that year, I wasn't really involved in robotics until middle school. In my 6th grade year, I tried out for FLL and made it in. I was the programmer for my team, and we did relatively good, but I felt held back. Legos were fun and all, but there wasn't much freedom. I couldn't really explore much robot ideas or try any advanced programs. VEX was the answer to my troubles.

In 7th grade, I made the VEX team in Hyde Park Middle School which made me an official 918 Panther Bots member. For my first year, I was on D team, and we barely qualified for Worlds which encouraged me even more to get involved in robotics. This year, I am part of 918A, and we've already qualified for Worlds.

Because of robotics, my whole view of robots changed. I used to think that robots were just "cool," but now I want to create a whole career out of it.