The experience of joining VEX is unique for everyone. My experience does not just belong to me. I’ve learned that whatever one person does influences the outcome of a whole team. I’ve learned jokes are fun, but being serious is imperative. We learn that working as a team means more then working with a group of people. Something we also learn is that a team is not perfect. Arguing about perfection gets nothing done. In class, we are taught the importance of working as a team. We are all taught leadership skills. Not all students can do everything at the same time. The responsibility of different jobs is shared throughout a team. If one student makes a mistake, the team faces the punishment together. Sometimes we can go off task, but when needed to, we all focus to carry out the goal. We know when to set the jokes aside. Sometimes not all of us are there. Part of being a team is that we share the missing information one team mate needs. The competition is when the meaning of team comes into play. If there is something wrong with our robot, we may feel like panicking at first, but when we’re serious, we get it done. We’re not a “perfect” team. We are still just students practicing to understand the true meaning of being a team. The VEX robotics competition means a lot to me. I’ve learned a lot because of this class.