Growing up in the Silicon Valley, I have always had an interest in technology, specifically computers. It is all around us and impossible to ignore. Yet, in 12 years of school I never had a Computer Science course of any type. Then I heard from a friend that his robotics team was looking for a programmer. I jumped at the opportunity to learn more about programming and work on a robot. The teams mentors, both adults and former team members, volunteer their time to help us excel at both creating and programming a fantastic robot. I have learned exponentially more about programming in VEX than I ever did on my own, partially because because of the engaging environment and partially because of having great mentors.

VEX has given me an opportunity to meet and hang out with people that I share interests with. The interactions between us makes tedious work less boring and the interesting work more fun. We tend to work together very well and come up with good ideas that everybody likes. It is always enjoyable to collaborate with people who think the same way that I do, and VEX gives me a chance to do just that. Going to competitions and seeing how other teams have developed amazing solutions to problems that we have worked on, really helps me think outside the box and come up with new ideas.

VEX has allowed me to learn a more about programming, meet new people, and expand my horizons.