The feeling of accomplishment when I think of a brilliant design. The feeling of nervousness as I drive the robot in a competition. The feeling of pride when my team qualifies for World Championships. These feelings and achievements make my time in VEX robotics fruitful and exciting.

Seeing ideas that we brainstormed turn into a prototype and refined later into a well-engineered robot is truly amazing. Brainstorming with teammates fosters my creativity and helps me constantly innovate. The process is challenging but rewarding. As a coach, I enjoy leading my team in applying math and physics to robot designs. Working with my team has helped us build long-lasting friendships and strengthen our teamwork. I have learned how to control my temper and cooperate instead of getting frustrated. Furthermore, I understand how to lead my team and make sure each member has a voice in decisions. Competitions teach me to refuse limits and persevere through misfortunes. In addition, they open my eyes to new designs and strategies. Moreover, I am able to apply the skills I learned from Computer Science at school to program the robot.

At first, I was not interested in engineering, but after my hands-on experiences with robots, I became fascinated. After three years in VEX, I have decided to spend the rest of my life creating my own inventions. I plan to pursue mechanical engineering or computer science in college. Participating in VEX nurtures my creativity, challenges me, and opens my eyes to what technology can do.