VEX Essay for Bayshore High School 5900R

Robotics has changed the world for this generation and the rest of the generations to follow. My freshman year in high school I was terrified to even look at a robot. I did not think I was smart enough to work with a robot, but eventually I was dying to just join a team. Through some miracle I found the courage to ask my engineering teacher if I could start working with robotics. The first day I was hooked. I found it to be a lot easier than I thought. I knew then that I was addicted.

Our team’s first competition was a few months ago, and we walked in with a simple claw bot. We did our absolute best and exceeded everyone’s expectations throughout the entire tournament. We ranked in the top ten and made it to semi-finals. My brain started turning with ideas for an improved design for our robot. We have since brainstormed many, many ideas and are deciding on what we would like to take to our next competition.

Being on a robotics team has given me self confidence, a loving robot family to turn to, and a dream for a bright future. I know from working with robotics that I want a career in that field, whether it will be in aerospace or rehabilitation engineering is still undecided. I am not afraid to stand out for my ideas because everyone else is standing out for theirs. VEX has changed my life for the better, and will continued to improve my future with each competition, every new design plan, or even the dreaded “technical issue”. I know I am developing team skills that are the foundation to a successful engineering career.