**VEX Robotics**

When I was preparing to enter middle school, my parents and I visited different magnet schools that focused on math and science. It was the orientation at Hyde Park The Academy of Math and Science in Las Vegas that hooked me. The minute I saw the VEX Robotic demonstration, I knew that I wanted to be involved with this school. Because of the high volume of students that apply to the academy, they used a lottery system and my name was not chosen in the first drawing. My name was finally drawn and due to late admission into the school, it was to late to make one of the Robotic teams, so I became an apprentice. This worked out great. I was able to observe all the teams and learn something valuable from each of them. This is my second year in the program and I am now on a team.

VEX has given me educational opportunities to use Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), which has further helped me in my math and science classes. I have now learned how to form a robot into a functional, efficient, taskmaster. VEX at this level is only available at Hyde Park Middle School and I am glad to be a part of this fantastic program.

VEX Robotics has added to my education and my personal life as well. I have made some really great friends. I am proud to be a part of the Hyde Park Middle School VEX Robotics team.