VEX Robotics

 What does Vex robotics mean to me? I never really thought that something like this could change the way I thought of life forever. My name is Roberto. I am thirteen years old and I have been in Vex for two years and I am currently in seventh grade. Getting into VEX wasn’t easy but it was worth it. To get into Vex I had to take a test, and in this test I was questioned about how much I knew about Vex and Sack Attack (previous game.) It also questioned me on how well I could explain things to people if they have never done something. I see now that it was on the test because robots have to precisely be programmed to function properly. Robots only do what they are told so if someone said (for example) open the bread bag. The robot wouldn’t know how to open the bread bag so it would just rip the bread bag open. Vex robotics has taught me a lot of things throughout the years.

 While in Vex I began to think more about what I liked to do, robotics. At first I wanted to be a Surgeon, but after being in Vex for two years I have realized that I really want to be an engineer. Working with robots with robots for a long while has changed my view life. This class also made me focus more on my school work than having more free time. Vex has also allowed me to make new friends with similar interest and goals as I do. I have learned how to be responsible and how to organize things. I may one day want to be a judge who judges things like this and be a vex referee. I find vex very interesting in many ways like how it’s now so simple.

 I am in a Vex class and I give up a lot of my time to it. I stay 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. on Saturdays but on Tuesdays I stay from 2 P.M. until 3:30 P.M. During class and on those days I work on the robot with my teammates, Avery Nguyen, Simon Hui, Dae Oh-Ong and Anik Patel. We are still good friends even out of the vex class. They are very nice people to work with because none of them are slackers. Although sometimes we do get off task and fool around with one another. Last year, once we finished our robot we started guessing what this year’s challenge was going to be. Boy were we wrong!! We thought there would be a challenge where we had to build a robot that would have to throw balls into a hoop like basketball and have a zone like hockey where we can roll the ball in and another area where we could raise an arm of the robot and have to be precise and put it in a goal area. We than thought the field would be a bit more complex than the one we have now. We thought the field was going to have a whole bunch of obstacles just to make it more of a challenge.

 Vex really means a lot to me and has changed my view of what I originally wanted o do with my life, from a surgeon to an engineer. The Vex experience so far has been amazing and an exciting adventure but all adventures must come to an end. Although I still want to be an engineer but I really want to learn how to play the guitar. I know how to play it and I know the simple notes but I want to learn more and I will leave the class next year.