From the very beginning, VEX has always been an outlet for me, a way I could be creative and innovative when I was usually bound to the strict and clear-cut, no-margin-for-creativity rules for the assignments at my school. Most things I do in school are straightforward, with one solution, one way of doing things, and one concept that I’m supposed to learn. I love VEX because it’s not like that. With VEX, there’s always room for an innovative solution, different ways at looking at things, and always different methods and options of solving a problem. Anything you need to do with the robot or program can be done with VEX because it’s extremely flexible and versatile. You’re never tied to just one way of doing things or one answer to the assignment.

 VEX has been a big part of my middle school life. Has it made me who I am today? Well, no. I’d have to blame my parents for that, or give credit depending on who you ask. VEX has shown me that even if the situation is dire and the problem seems almost completely impossible, there is always a solution. It’s taught me that there’s always a way to fix something if you persevere, and if you refuse to give up. Someday, I would like to work with robots, applying all that I have learned in VEX to my career. Robotics is what I love, and it’s what I want to do for the rest of my life.