I joined VEX robotics because I wanted to try something new and it seemed interesting. At first when I was only a spectator it was boring because I wasn't able to work on robot with a group. I joined robotics because I was able to see that it's way more fun than just watching because I was able to design a robot, meet people with the same interests, see how fun a competition is, and work with people that I'm really close to now. Joining VEX robotics was the first thing I did when I got into middle school.

In robotics we stay after school to work on our robots with our groups. I have learned time management since we only have so many day and hours till each competition comes up. Each day I'm there I'm trying my best to make an efficient robot.

We learn a lot from a lot more experienced people, like our mentors, other teams, adults who help out, and from each other. We brainstorm lots of idea and get stuck sometimes, but it always comes out smoothly. We've also made lots of readjustments and changed a lot of things, especially the drive, on our robot. We have also learned to program our robot successfully on autonomous and on driver control.

Twice we have gotten into the quarter finals and once we got into the finals, it was stressful, but we had a lot of fun and got experience from it. The girls on my team always have tacos we call "competition tacos" during lunch because its now a tradition for us, to have tacos for lunch during competition. The things that makes us a good group is because we each can do a little bit of each so that two people could be working on the robot and the other two can be brainstorming ideas or something. All the people in my group are close and we work really well together, even if it's three girls and one boy.

VEX robotics is very fun and lots of people could learn a lot from it. I would totally introduce it to my friends. I'm really thankful to my sister because she was the one who introduced me to this wonderful experience. VEX isn't just about competition, its also about making new friends and working with them. Even though I like robotics a lot, it has not changed my dreams of being a doctor, but it has taught me a lot about technology and programing which may be useful in the future.