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Vex Robotics means a fun building process that also includes programming and strategy. Working with Vex Robotics is challenging because you would have to make the robot to be able to pick up balls, go over bumps , go under overhangs, and hang. Trying to build the robot is very challenging because you have to make sure everything is connected and tight.

In the recent competition at Vanden High School, our robot made it to the finals and could have won but the battery came loose. This shows that you have to be careful and make sure everything is fastened correctly. That experience made me frustrated because if that little issue was fixed during autonomous the incident would of never happened.

When I grow up I want to graduate from computer science and get a job at Microsoft as a programmer. Robotics got me to this goal when I started programming the robot and learning how fun and challenging it is. With the challenges I face with programming and how I fix it gets me more toward my goal. My specialty with robotics is driving the robot because I made it to the finals. I am also good at programming the robot for autonomous. I like programming because I get to "teach" the robot what to do and fix my mistakes. Programming is a fun learning experience. The robotics experience has influenced me to keep going and never give up. Also I like competing, and I have participated in all competitions so far this year. I was also in robotics last year.