When my first trimester of PLTW pre-engineering began, I immediately noticed the unusual field set out in the classroom that I now know as the game of VEX Toss Up. The teacher was also the coach of Central Hardin’s VEX robotics team. When I found out that signups were still open, my interests in technology led me to seize the opportunity. And so, I am now a proud member of team 6135A.

Working on a VEX robot is an experience like no other. Every member works together to come up with innovative ideas to solve problems soon after they are encountered. Since my team only consists of 2 members, I have begun to work on programming as my teammate drives the robot. There is a role for everyone on the team, and every role plays an important part in the competitions.

I had no idea what to expect when I walked through the doors at my first competition. I soon discovered why VEX robotics holds so much excitement as teams skillfully maneuvered their robots. As each team forms an alliance, their skills in teamwork and creativity build. And of course, technology skills play a large part in having a successful robot.

Even though I’m still a freshman, VEX has already left its mark on my education. I plan to continue taking PLTW classes, which perfectly fit in with my plans to become a software engineer. I wanted a way to pursue my interests, and I found one in VEX robotics.

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