What Vex Means To Me

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 Vex robotics is a worldwide organization in which students compete with robots they built, in order to achieve a specific task, such as putting a ball in a goal. I started Vex robotics last year as a sophomore, my team competed all the way up to the national TSA competition. When I graduate high school I want to be an engineer, Vex robotics gives me a chance to experience what it truly feels like to be an engineer. Before I started Vex I was not partaking in any extracurricular activities. Vex gives students an idea of what the real world is like and teaches them teamwork, ingenuity, determination, and leadership. Before Vex I had no real reason to enjoy math, science, or even physics, with Vex I have a true reason to enjoy those classes. With Vex I am able to use the knowledge I learn in my core classes and apply it to the Vex robotics competition. Before I joined the Vex team at my school I had never been a part of a team. Vex taught me how to be a part of a team, how to lead a team, and how to listen to other teammates opinions and ideas. In our Vex program we draw out our blueprint for the robot first, I had never done this before so it was new to me but I was anxious to began. Vex has made a great influence on my life.