What Vex Actually Means

 To you VEX might mean competing and winning awards. But that isn’t really the true meaning of signing up for VEX and actually committing your time towards it. Sure winning trophies and going to Roboticon was fun. But look at all the things you can learn from VEX. Vex isn’t about Rank, Prestige, or winning competitions. It has a whole another meaning. VEX also promotes valuable S.T.E.M skills that are useful to most engineers.

 Vex is about taking the lessons you have learned from doing the club and implementing them into your own life. You can learn to time manage. Certain due dates might want to be fulfilled. There is no rewards or punishments in VEX. There are only consequences. If you forget to do a notebook entry for your team, you can consequently lose the position and you can lose the trust of your team mates. The valuable lessons that are learned from being in a VEX club will help you throughout your life. VEX teaches lifelong valuable lessons that can be implemented into many future careers and jobs.

 Sure during the year of 2012 my team just bombed the competition. Our vex keys had connection problems and our gear system kept clicking. We also came in 22nd that year out of 40. We didn’t make it to Roboticon at all we didn’t seem to gain anything. Not even any trophies .Most people might consider that as a failure. I’m not saying it isn’t a failure but it is good. My dad always told me “If you haven’t failed, you haven’t tried.” What we did gain from that experience is that we took the mistakes we made learned how we could fix it and we did. This year we are going to states. The best thing that can happen in your life is a failure. Accept what has happened and learn from it. VEX gives you a hint of what the real engineering world will look like. Thank you VEX you have taught me that mistakes are the best thing that can happen to you. And don’t forget always try new things. This is what VEX means to me.