

## Team 8068A

VEX Robotics has given me a new perspective of robotics and engineering. It was through an intensive process that finally resulted in an impressive design, leading to our efforts getting paid off at the competitions, creating a rewarding and a worthwhile experience.

However, there are much more meaningful aspects to it than just that. It is not just about winning the awards or simply building, designing, and programming a robot. It goes beyond the mechanical and competitive aspects.

The whole process of preparation is a collaborative effort of the team and never of an individual. It is my firm belief that VEX Robotics does not simply represent a competition. Rather, it is of teamwork and the commitment of each member that makes a successful team. Building a robot requires the combined efforts of all the team members and it is through working together that we are able to continue to improve upon past designs and generate new and innovative strategies for the tournament. Teamwork not only enables greater productivity and efficiency, it also encourages us to think creatively and critically so as to resolve any issues that may arise during the engineering process. Despite the long hours of preparation and hard work, the laughters and enjoyable moments we've shared definitely made my experience more memorable.

Without VEX Robotics and the people that I have met and become friends with, I may never have had the chance to truly discover myself and become the person that I am today.