When I first heard about robotics, I didn’t think much about it. Like many other students in high school, I was the type of person to just aimlessly go along with the flow, clueless as to where exactly that “flow” would take me. I had no passion or desire for anything. But this all changed the moment I walked into the Robotics Club at my school. Maybe it was the amazement of seeing the robots moving—almost as if they were alive—or maybe it was the look of excitement and focus in the eyes of the guys driving them, and maybe it was just the overall presence of the team and how it was obvious that they all respected and harmonized with each other. Most likely though, it was all three. Because after I left the club that day, it became clear to me that I didn’t just walk into Robotics Club—It was something more than that. I had walked into a whole new world.

This is a world of technology and engineering that taught me of creativity and innovation, of hard work and dedication. Working with other members, through thick and thin, I was taught what teamwork truly meant. To be able to build and transform pieces of metal into a robot that worked and moved sparked a passion in me I didn’t know I had. I became the person I am today because of Vex, a world that introduced to me endless possibilities.