

My favorite memories of VEX are from competition days. I loved traveling with my team because at 6 a.m., watching the sunrise through the frosty windows of the bus, there was none of the usual chaos of the robotics lab. None of us were stressed about broken robots or dead batteries or missing parts. We'd all bring blankets and pillows; we'd sleep, do homework, listen to music and sometimes just talk. It was in the early hours of the morning on the way to a competition that I realized we were more than just teammates, we were friends.