

It was the night before a competition. I remember the nights when I would stay up late at my teammate's garage. Buzzing around our minds, the fundamental tasks of completing the code and repairing the robot were yet to be done, but occasionally, we would put work aside, play cards, and find a moment of repose. I did not appreciate these moments incredibly before, but now I miss the feeling of calm and bliss of spending time with my teammate. From chatting while working and running around during matches, VEX took us from being complete strangers to friends.