

# **Hard Work Pays Off**

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Rank Team

2501Z Benchwarmers  
Council Bluffs, Iowa, United States

58130A Infinite Storm  
Council Bluffs, Iowa, United States

90

Stop Time:  
14

VEX IQ  
ROBOTICS  
COMPETITION  
EXCELLENCE AWARD  
2501Z  
Caleb Davis

DESIGN · BUILD · PROGRAM  
VEX  
JUNK-SACKS

We were at the Trojan Tournament. Our lift wasn't working the greatest, It kept touching the intake, so we moved the front triangle on each side 90 degrees clockwise and that fixed it. We were already driving a whole lot better. Even though we didn't win finals, we didn't care because this was a fun experience. After the final match, we were not expected to get the excellence award. When they called our name, for excellence we were shocked. We came a long way throughout the year.

When we met, we were both very passionate about robotics, and we both understood each other's differences. Our team stands out because we are very energetic, cooperative with other teams. We never gave up, through all the challenges, and when people doubted us because we have disabilities, or because we are girls. We are very unique because we have very different personalities, and we are Elligator and Belladile aka Gator Girls.