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When I saw the prompt for the challenge this year, I was not sure what to do. We have 20 people on our team, and the only hobby we have in common is that we are all in robotics. But is that a bad thing? All of us are from different backgrounds and cultures. We have freshmen to seniors on our team, and if you told me at the beginning of this season that I would end up becoming great friends with someone four years older than me, I would have called you crazy. In high school it is hard to reach out to others, especially people you barely have anything in common with. Joining a robotics team has given us all an opportunity to connect with people we would not have had a chance to otherwise. This photo was taken at our latest competition. We were about to go into our first elimination round, and we pretty much knew that we were not going to win. All of us gathered around in a huddle, and most of us had lost hope. We all talked about what would happen if we did not move on, and although the day had not gone as we planned, we all realized that we learned a lot, and became closer with each other. Our team shines because we are all different, and that brings us closer together. There is no common hobby or interest that brings us together, just simply all our different personalities do, and that makes me love our team even more.