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FOUNDATION FOR THE UNDERSTANDING OF TECHNOLOGY USING ROBOTICS IN EDUCATION

To Whom It May Concern:

Virginia Satir once said, "The future starts today, not tomorrow." I am writing not only as a partner of the VEX Robotics Design System with the FUTURE Foundation, but as a teacher who has used this program in my own classroom for the last five years and as a consultant who has trained teachers from across the United States, as well as in England, New Zealand and Japan to use robotics in the classroom.

I was first introduced to the VEX Robotics Design System to assist with prototyping and as a tool that I could use in a classroom setting. It came with an Inventor's Guide to provide support for teachers and to ensure student success at building their initial robot. What more could I ask for in helping to develop my students into life long learners who were now empowered to modify their creations. They learned to work with Easy C programming where they could drop and drag modules and read the C code that is being developed along side the icons. Having a competition that supports what my students learn in the classroom was icing on the cake.

Having been involved as a sponsor for the VEX World Championship for the last two years has provided me with the opportunity to witness student success from big schools, small schools, public schools, private schools, and home schools. These students and their enthusiasm for their accomplishments are themselves a testimonial to the impact of working with the VEX program. I always come back from the competitions recharged in knowing that we are making a difference to these students who now know the importance of science, technology, engineering and math.

I am proud to be associated with this program on a variety of different levels and have always been impressed with the commitment to service that I have received whenever I have contacted Innovation First. Whether it be to place an order or for technical support in the middle of a class I have always found the staff to be committed to making my day easier, which for a teacher so seldom ever happens.

If there is any additional information I can provide for you please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at [nmcintyre@chaminade.org](mailto:nmcintyre@chaminade.org) or 818-347-8300 ext 424.

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