

901A Ninjabotics

Society deems “building robots” as nerdy. Even worse, it’s unfeminine. Yet even with all the negativity, I still found inspirations, like Tony Stark, to build. I first joined VEX in my sophomore year knowing that it would be a “sausage fest”. Males everywhere, but I didn’t mind it. My only concern was: did they mind me?

I would like to say that sexism is gone, but from my experience as one of the few females in a male-dominated club in high school, I would be lying if I did. Being the only female captain, I met some problems along the way. VEX showed me not to take less respect than what I deserved. I ate, slept, and breathed VEX up until the tournament. VEX taught me leadership. I wasn’t the boss, I was the leader, and we were a team. VEX showed me that hard work pays off. Through all the troubles, my team was there for me, and we pushed through together and built a work of art. VEX taught me that metal can’t tell the difference between male and female. As long as I have hands I can build anything.

When I was little, I wanted to build things but I never thought I could because there are no female engineers in the media. Sure, Tony Stark was an idol, but he was male. Leave the engineering up to the males, said the media. VEX showed me otherwise.

VEX showed me that Tony Stark could be female too.