

Language of actions

We are girls. What's your superpower?

To a girl who showed me we can all dream and most importantly achieve those dreams...Girl Power, dream on and become strong.



Girl  Powered

5777B was a sixth-grade team of girls who decided to join robotics for fun, pizza, and new friendships during the year of 2016. Everyone experienced new things since it was everyone's first year of robotics, but one by one the team began to break apart as we moved to 7th grade. Teammates moved, couldn't come, or lost their confidence and dreams of the opportunities that could happen in robotics. Sadly, even I had forgotten my dream of going to states for robotics, but before the remaining people of 5777B could all leave someone stepped up, Dana Romero. A person who taught me the real meaning of Girl Power, not through words but actions. After all, actions do say a lot more things than words can.

Two more people from the team left... should I leave too? I mean why am I even in robotics anyways, I should just stop coming, I thought to myself as I entered the noisy room. A familiar voice called my name, I turned to see one of my teammates Dana standing next to a computer. "Look at this" she beamed excitedly, showing me a video of 2015-2016 Vex IQ game Bankshot when a team cleared the whole field. The team jumped with joy after their match with a cleared field and a perfect score. After that video and day, Dana became more and more into robotics, taking the next step and becoming building captain of Vex IQ. After that came a team of all 7th and 8th graders 5777A.



Building Captain of Vex IQ

5777A was a team made to be an example to the 6th graders who all were new to robotics, we were a team made to be an inspiration. I honestly still didn't know why I was still in robotics maybe because of the video, that made me realize wanting to have that feeling of achieving going to states maybe even worlds. Yet I still hadn't felt that feeling of joy, excitement, and satisfaction like the kids did in the video. I felt nothing, but seeing how Dana worked so hard each day, coming to robotics ready and determined, excited to work and finish something she knew she worked hard on. Seeing all the hard work she always did each day cleared the dark cloud that was the feeling of nothing,

revealing the wanted feeling of determination, excitement, and fun I wished for. There were many hard times when everyone felt like giving up even Dana, but it was her desire of achieving what she wanted that kept her going along with the help of others. It was also that same desire of hers that showed me and others the meaning of Girl Power.



Question: How would you describe Dana as a friend and teammate in robotics?

“[As a teammate] She works really hard and she's really good at explaining her ideas and making sure they get through to people.

As a friend, she is one of the funniest and relatable people in robotics. I wouldn't mind if she became the next building captain”

-Kimara Alger, 8th Grade, Captain of Robotics

Hard Worker

“Dana is a really hard worker in robotics. She is an independent young lady in robotics. She actually inspires me to work harder, try my best and to succeed in robotics. She had made such an impact in robotics from getting everything done with me to leave a big name for robotics. As my friend, she has backed me up in everything I couldn't do alone. She has made me want to succeed in life and take bigger steps in everything that makes me happy etc.”

-Brandi Yabes-Damasco, 7th Grade, Documenter of Team 5777A VEX IQ

Role Model

“I believe that Dana is very dedicated and perseveres in robotics even when she is going through tough times. She is also somebody who can inspire others to continue to persevere even when something is difficult to overcome.”

-Alvin Montehermoso, 8th Grade, Builder of Team 5777A VEX

Dedicated

“[As a student, Dana is] energetic, excited, and fun to see in action”

-words said from robotics teacher Kumu Kepa when asked about the experience of having Dana as a student

As time seemed to pass I've noticed that each person in 5777A was very...unique. We all had our differences but, who said that was a bad thing? It was our differences that brought our whole team together. We've experienced and learned new things from each other and together. We were able to solve problems ahead of time using plans that seemed crazy, but worked. There were times when we had to rethink situations when our first plan didn't work but, we all did learn from our mistakes. I've now noticed that if it weren't for Dana, I wouldn't be here with an amazing team and an amazing dream I'm determined to achieve alongside with the girl who started off as a shy documentor then blossomed into a strong leader to look up to.

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