

What comes to mind when I hear the words "Girl Powered"? Personally, the term equity comes to mind. On my team, all of us are given equal chance to fulfil any job that we feel most interested in.

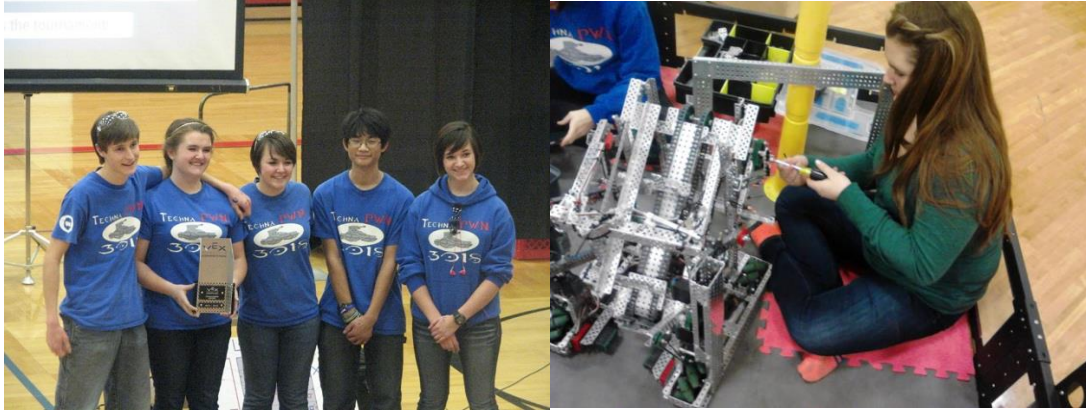
I don't think of a primarily girl powered team, because I believe that the core of the GirlPowered initiative is to provide equal opportunity for everyone to choose what they want to do on a team, no matter what position it may be. Some girls are genius builders, and carry the bulk of the building related tasks, while other girls might enjoy writing more, preferring to manage the notebook aspects of the team. I believe that equal opportunity means that girls have a choice of what to do with their lives, regardless of the task. When I think of GirlPowered, I think of how it inspires girls to take up responsibilities, and to have confidence in what they choose to do.

My team embraces this concept, and encourages woman in VEX to do what they want to do in life. As the girl on my team, I manage the notebook, and write the bulk of it. I have always enjoyed writing, and have since before I was even able to write the full alphabet. I am very able to build and program autonomous routines, however I don't choose to do these things because they're not my strength, and I prefer to write. I'm also pursuing business and project management as a career, and I'm able to practice these skills through managing my team's resources, and using project management systems to track our progress as we go from tournament to tournament.

I joined the team because my older brother was on the team as a programmer and builder. Before I was even on the team, I was helping with their notebook and learning how to build. Since then I've handled most things related to the notebook, including delegating tasks regarding the notebook, like transcribing the notes that my teammates have taken into comprehensible words, or updating the website. Being able to delegate the team has given me a lot experience managing a team, and being able to communicate with a large group of people. This will be extremely valuable experience as I begin my career in business management in the future.

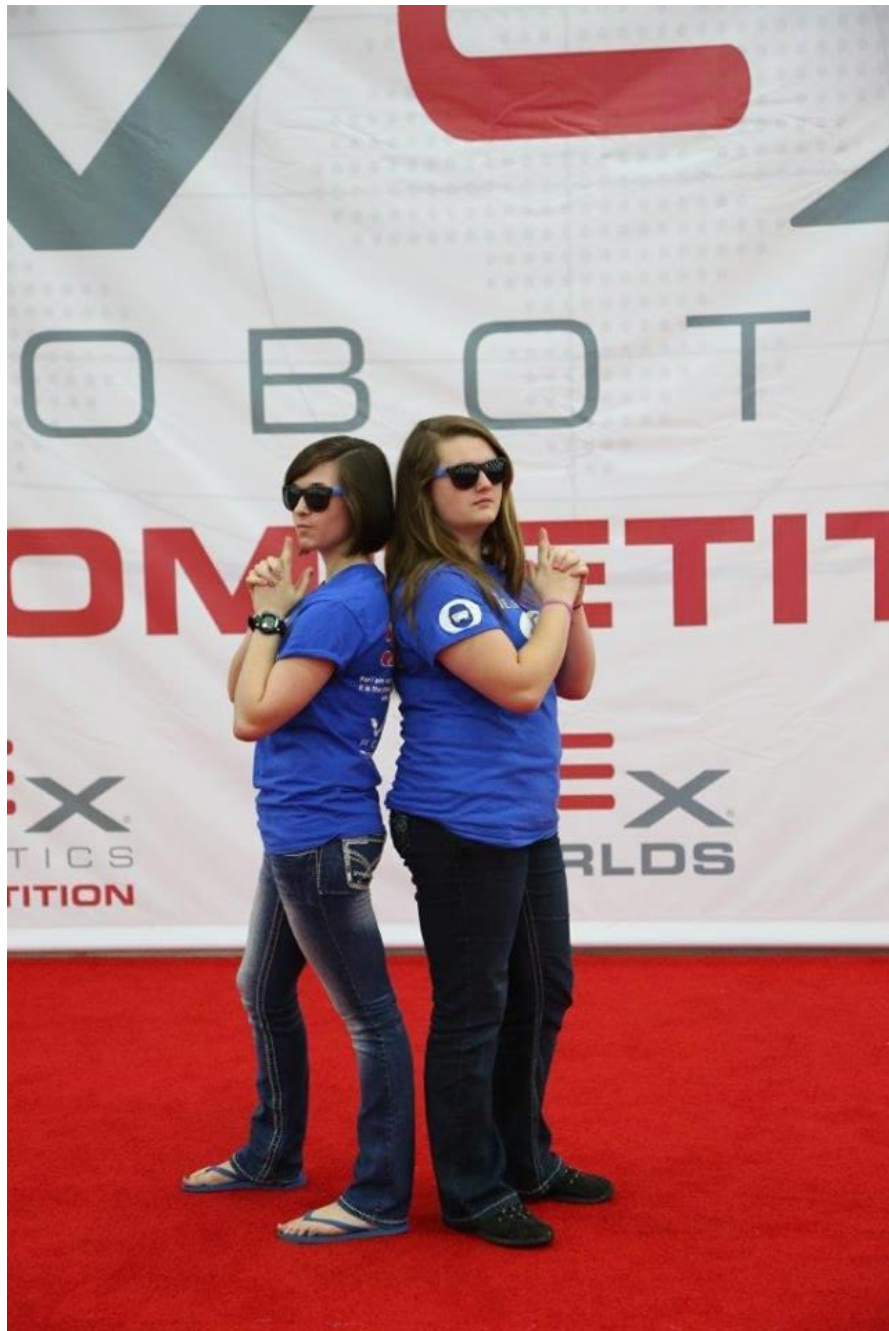
We've had several women on our team come and go, some being drivers and builders, while others were programmers and coaches. One of the main objectives of our organization is to learn engineering, and what the various jobs in that field require through experience. Through the experience we all share here, no matter if it involves building or management, will help us through our future careers.





We always strive to give anyone who joins our team an opportunity to try out each job to see what they enjoy best and what they gravitate towards the most.





We strive to create a working environment that invites people to participate in the jobs that they enjoy doing, whether that be building, programming, writing, driving, coaching, etc. We believe that experience is the best teacher, and that with the experiences our organization provides, we will come out better prepared for the world ahead of us.