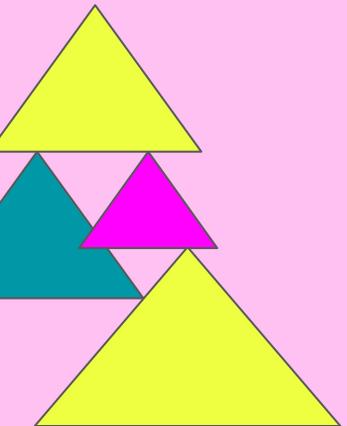
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Girl Powered

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9364B

Female Dominated Team

9364B has a unique dynamic as we are the only highschool team at our school with more girls than boys. However, we continue to work together and overcome challenges that go along with girls in STEM environments.



Meet 9364B



Emerson Smith

Junior

-builder/notebook

Interests: soccer, skiing,
and scuba diving

Intended Profession:

Medical Field



Koko Antis

Junior

-driver/builder/notebook

Interests: basketball,
band, and the military

Intended Profession:

Military (Navy)



Jenny Wooten

Senior

-team captain/builder

Interests: softball and
mission work

Intended Profession:

Engineering



Andrew Bianchi

Freshman

-programmer/builder

Interests: Cross Country, band,
and video games

Intended Profession: Computer

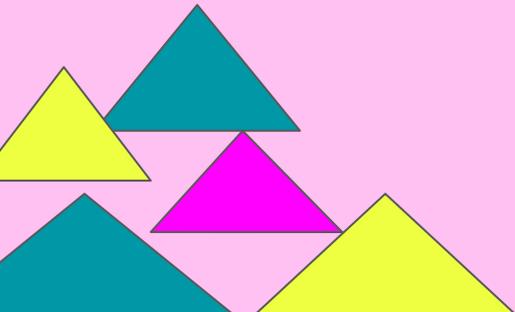
Science/Programming for video
games

New Team Members

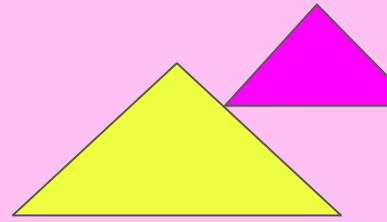
Not only is 9364B the only female dominated team at our school but we also draw more girls who want to learn about STEM. Koko Antis is a first year VEX competitor and has already taken up building, notebooking, and is the primary driver for 9364B.



“I’ve always wanted to try robotics but I was nervous that I wouldn’t be smart enough or be able to compete with the guys that have been doing this for so long. I only felt really comfortable when both Jenny and Emerson encouraged me to join and assured me that everyone is supportive and the girls stick together.”



OUR STORY



Our team is a new team with a mixture of new and old team members. Andrew, Koko, and Jenny are previous team members from various team last year, while Koko is brand new. We all enjoy each other's company and being in robotics. We work Monday-Thursday with the occasional Friday and Saturday is there is a tournament. Being a female dominated team, Andrew has gotten to work along girls and see how girls minds work. That could be useful to him later in life. He is very good about taking our opinions and does not treat us as less than him. Jenny has tried time and time again to try to program. She even took a computer science class last year. She still struggles and has learned the true meaning of patience. Jenny has a lot respect for Andrew because programming is hard.

Our Role Models

We are inspired everyday by the strong female figures we have from Brentwood Academy. Zella Miller (left) is an experienced head referee for VEX Robotics Competitions and continues to show us that STEM studies do not have to be male dominated. Sierra Sarlo (right) is a Brentwood Academy alumna that returns to help with competitions and continues to encourage us.



What Does Girl Powered Mean To Us?

Andrew: “From a guy’s perspective, girl powered is when girls are confident enough in themselves to take charge and not just sit quietly in a corner.”

Koko: “Girl powered means that girls are equal and competitive in all environments of society, especially STEM which has been male-dominated for a long time. We deserve the same chance as everyone else but if we are going to get it, girls have to stick together and be supportive.

Emerson: “Girl powered is feeling safe to try new things and not stray away from them because only a few have succeeded. Being girl powered is having confidence.

Jenny: “It means that girls have an equal shot with and against the boys and that we can really drive the robot effectively.”

CREDITS

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