



Since Grade 9, Nadia always knew she had an interest in STEM. When the robotics team was recruiting new members when she was in Grade 10, she decided to apply as a programmer.

It was a rough start. Nadia felt that she did not have as much of a role on the team because she was still new and had a lot to learn. Furthermore, there was not a proper introduction or training to help her adapt to the team. She recalled attending the meetings, but did not do much programming because appropriate mentorship was not present.



She did have a passion to learn, but felt intimidated to constantly ask for help from the cliques of older boys on the team. Nadia felt that she wasn't gaining enough to contribute, so she simply quit the team. However, in Grade 11 she returned to the club.

This time around, Nadia did not quit and endured through the season instead. She had a few friends on the team and worked with them on Virtual Worlds. Still, she thought, Will it be the same next year? Should I even sign up for another season?

