

Girl Empowerment

Being a girl in the Vex program can be very fun but also very challenging. Let me describe a girl that is in Vex, sometimes overlooked and sometimes being told they can't be in Vex because it is a "boys class". Some girls get told that they aren't meant for being in the vex class. However the Vex Jets team 4073G is a very accepting team and is appreciative for all of the girls, not only on their team but in the whole class. In my opinion there are a lot of aspects that go into being a good team player, one of those is getting along with everyone that you work with. When I first joined this class I didn't really know what anything was. But as everything in life, this was another learning experience for not only me, but everyone.

When I think of girl-power I think of girls showing that we aren't anything less than the boys, because we aren't. Also, one thing that I have learned is that if a boy tells a girl what to do, us girls don't always listen. We shouldn't have to listen and do what they say. Yes we should listen to their ideas; if we don't think their ideas are good we shouldn't have to use them. Boys in general should be accepting of that. When I joined the class I was expecting there to be more girls in the class. But, one thing that I have noticed is that in our class there are more boys than girls. Having more boys doesn't stop us girls from having a voice or an opinion, and we don't back down when something goes wrong. If something goes wrong we don't say that it is too hard and we can't do it, we try our best to find a solution to the problem.

What does it feel like to be a part of a class as close as we are? Our class started off as a group of strangers with one overall mission: to be successful. As the year has gone by we have become very close friends, as close as a family. But we all still have the same mission. I am very thankful that we are as close as we are and that we are always there for each other. What is it like to be completely new to something like this? When I first came in, I felt like I was the only one who was confused and clueless. But I soon learned that almost everyone was just as confused as I was. Shortly after that, I felt like I really belonged in this class and that I wasn't alone thanks to my classmates. Since then all of the girls and boys have been getting closer and we aren't separated anymore.

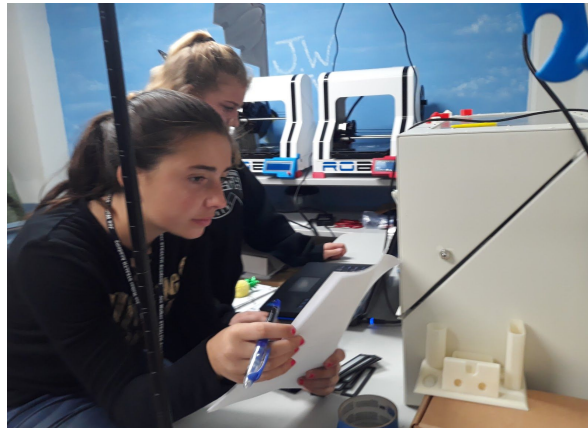
The whole class likes that there are girls in the class because sometimes we think of things that they don't. That is why I love being a part of the Vex Jets class they are overall always very kind and willing to help any girl or boy. I think that when at different events any girl or boy should be treated the exact same because we are in the same class. I know that I personally like to be a girl in this class because it gives me a lot of opportunities that people who aren't in the class won't get. I think that the Vex class needs more girls because it shows them that they are needed. Also they need to not believe the rumors that people say because it is nothing like what people say it is.

When you are in middle school, everybody is already going through a lot so being in an environment full of people who are rude isn't a good choice. If there weren't any girls in the class it wouldn't be the same. There would be a piece of the class missing. Some of the boys

don't want to do the jobs that the girls in our class do. For example, none of the boys in our class do the job of notebook or 3D printing and those jobs are very difficult jobs. I know us girls on team 4073G help our team out a lot because the boys get a lot of their ideas from us. All in all our Vex Jets class is very welcoming to anyone and everyone who is wanting to be a part of our Vex community. And sometimes even the underdogs, the overlooked, the girls can do amazing things.



In this picture you can see that the girls are still involved in the decisions about our teams robot.



This picture shows that there are jobs that only girls are doing and this job is hard and important to our class.



This picture shows that girls do work hard and research just like the boys.

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