

“If people are doubting how far you can go, go so far that you can’t hear them anymore,”
-Michele Ruiz. We are the Southbots from Southland Middle School. We are a team with 5 boys and 3 girls. We are a middle school team made up of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. On our team everyone is treated equally.

To be a good engineer it doesn’t matter if you are a male or a female. It takes hard work and determination, which every female has. Our team doesn’t care what gender you are, we all have the same opportunities. We can try out for any job and succeed in any job. Our team has both boys and girls and, everyone has a job or a part on our robotics team. When I hear the phrase girl power I think of how strong girls are, and how us girls can be whoever they want to be. I also think of girls in robotics, and I believe girls can do anything if they put their mind into it, you can never underestimate a girl.

Everyone on our team has tried various roles to see what they want to be. Everyone has their own job that helps our team be a team. Some of the jobs I have tried out are online challenges, engineering notebook, and website. Every job I have tried I have had fun doing it. Every job is important to the team no matter how big or small the job is.

I am new to middle school robotics, as a 6th grader. I didn’t know what it would be like to be on a middle school team, especially with 7th and 8th graders. When I joined I was treated fairly just like everyone else. Everyone on our team is treated equally no matter who they are.

One of the role models I look up to is my stem and robotics teacher Mrs. Mortenson. She is a science teacher and is our coach for robotics. She helps everyone and tells them to keep trying. She never gives up and always tells us that every job matters, no matter how big or small the job is, she pushes us to do our best and never to give up. She is inspiring and pushes everyone so they can be their best. She also works hard, and never quits. She is a girl powered role model.

Since I have been in robotics I have had an amazing time. At our last tournament we won 1st with another Southland team we went with. Our middle school team also won about nine out of eleven trophies, it was a fun tournament.

Not everyone will understand the concept of girl power, but it is important. Every girl should be able to follow their dreams, because they are strong enough to. Most people do not think females can do what males can do but there is no difference between them. “A strong woman looks at a challenge in the eye and gives it a wink.” -Gina Carey