

# Girl Powered Essay

When I hear the phrase “Girl Powered” what comes to mind is girls coming together to achieve and or reach a goal through teamwork and perseverance. What also comes to mind is girls wanting to create impact and wanting to be heard. My team and I took initiative to create a more diverse environment that attracts a diverse group of students by simply being kind to one another. By forming a personal friendship amongst each other and by doing that we are now able to openly tell each other about our strengths and weaknesses without being ashamed. Now we’re able to tell each other when we’re struggling with a certain issue in our programming or note taking. Which made us stronger and closer as a team.

We all made sure that each member has tried several roles on our team, and from that experience we learned that some of us have certain strengths and weaknesses in certain areas like building or driving the robot. Due to that we’ve been able to help each other in the areas that we need it and become a stronger team. I believe that a diverse perspective changes our/your robot design and our ability to succeed because as we all come from different backgrounds and experiences. We’re all brought up to look at things differently from a whole new perspective and if we all put in our different advices and suggestions it’ll make our robot better. We all have different points of view and we’re able to meet everyone’s diverse needs.



My STEM role model is Mellissa Sariffodeen and she is the co-founder and CEO of Canada Learning code. Her organization teaches digital literacy to women and girls, so they can do great and rock the fast-paced world of technology. She inspires me, through her example, to have a more inclusive team and to excel at programming. Girls can do anything a boy can do if we try hard enough and give it our all through persevering. And women like her give us hope that in the future there will be more girl participants in STEM. Sadly, many girls aren’t willing to participate or want to take part due to the sexism, harassment and discrimination many girls face being in the STEM community just for being girls. We and many other girls want to change that by hopefully inspiring girls that may feel fearful or discouraged by sharing our love for coding and sharing how fun it can be. And there are many branches that could fit their hobbies like digital engineering or digital art programming. Hopefully, in the near future there will be more young women and girls in STEM and I will be a part of it.

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