



Meet the team!

Meet Bella (left) and Celia (right). Hi! We're team 98000 C "Starry Skies", from Eastern Washington. We live in a small town called "Wenatchee", where we usually would compete and practice as a team in our school building, Foothills Middle school. With the help from our coaches of which two are women. Of course this year, because of COVID-19, things are much different. To name one complication, we have to practice from home and that makes it much harder to work together. So how are we thriving as a team virtually? Well, we believe it's because of three things. One, we have ingenuity. Two, we are determined to complete our goals and projects on time. Three, we are committed to our team and work very well together. Firstly, our combined ingenuity helps us bring creative ideas to life. Our STEM research project, "The Truth Behind Voice Activated Smart Home Devices." Exemplifies this greatly. In this project, we talk about the voice sensor activated home assistants such as Google Home and Alexa, and how their sensors work. We chose this project because we feel it is a creative and controversial topic that we could research lots about. We also chose this project because we wanted to inform others about any dangers that could be involved with these devices. Additionally, We are determined to finish our projects well before the deadline and at the same time, capture the essence of what we want people to learn and take away from our projects. We put lots of effort in our work and we collaborate to make them the best that they can be, while using all of our ideas. This year we're tackling both this girl powered essay as well as the STEM research project about technology featuring sensors. We have put in lots of our own time and work into these opportunities and we feel that we have been able to manage our online school work as well as our VEX projects very well. Back in the 2018-2019 school year, The original team actually went to VEX IQ Worlds and won the STEM research award in the science division. Then our team changed as people went off to high school, then Bella joined the team last season and finally, This season some people left the team as well. Our team was originally

called a different name but regardless, We are proud to say that we are a team of all girls and always have been. And we are so proud of our team history and our ability to work so hard on our projects with each other girls. All of these things are what has helped to shape our team for what we are today. How we are getting through these tough times, managing our schoolwork and thriving as a VEX iq team. So the next time someone tells you, "You drive like a girl" or, "You build like a girl" Just tell them " Ya, and if you work a little harder, You could too".