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WE ARE EMPOWERED - GIRL POWER

When you hear Girl power most individuals look at society for their thoughts, such as just seeing it as a joke or something to make girls feel included but honestly, these people are wrong. You can look around at technology based jobs and see not very many women participate as they don't find a love or passion for it, instead they are more drawn to caring for children. As society changed throughout time we evolved and started to find new passions such as getting the ability to let our creativity flourish, and I don't mean just building. I mean impacting others as well. When I hear girl power I don't think about how it is us finding a voice, I see it as a calling for others. "Girl.. Power", power for women or for the younger generation; this statement hold so many meanings that others can't even think because they see their world in black and white. Girl Power is supposed to bring out the women who see in color all together, someone who thinks about the process outside the box. Although now our society has changed and grown to see more colors, see how women are beneficial, and bring something amazing to the table for all. When I joined the robotics team I was so worried I would be the only girl but when I walked through the door and to see all the welcoming, smiling faces, boys and girls I felt like I could belong. As a whole, I never once felt out of place because they saw me as a team member not just a "girl" team member. As this 2020 year has been rough the robotics team has made the best we can and all the girls have helped one another throughout, I really love watching how us females add to the idea pool in very special ways. Sometimes we see the more simpler approach, or we go extravagant and want to challenge ourselves. As our team developed and we offer our many skills, we have truly created this amazing environment, we have outside hangouts to let our team bond more and understand each other, and I believe these moments can be shown throughout our design process and how we build the robot. As a program we also try to empower other women by last year and have an all girls team ! Which worked extremely well but then we felt that for this year due to the harsh circumstances it would be beneficial to the surrounding teams to have a girls mindset. Throughout the years my STEM role model can never just be one, I honestly look up to our surrounding captains, such as ORiana, she worked so hard and has this amazing creativity. She is always willing to give her opinion of designs and truly is an empowering woman. She makes the team feel more like a family at this point, the girls and boys on the team aren't just teammates we are this amazing family and we want to empower each other not just same sex. Robotics was the best decision I have made and I could never feel more accepted within a program even if it isn't popular with females, WARP Drive definitely tries to reach out and change those numbers as we empower ourselves and others.