

ALL ABOUT GIRL POWER

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WHAT IS GIRL POWER?

To us, Girl Power isn't just about us acting strong, it is about us showing we are just as capable as the guys that surround us. It is about us having people come up and ask for help not because we are a woman, but because they know we have the ability to do something in a particular way, aka the definition of power, and since we are women it is our power.

HOW WE HELP INCLUSION

Although we didn't take pictures of the events we hosted. We both have helped out at Freshmen recruitment day and Open House to encourage more women to join robotics. Anna is a Senior so she has had more opportunities than Ashley, however, in the past Anna had been able to go to middle schools and encourage more women to come to our high school and show how many opportunities they actually have in robotics which Ashley hopes to continue.

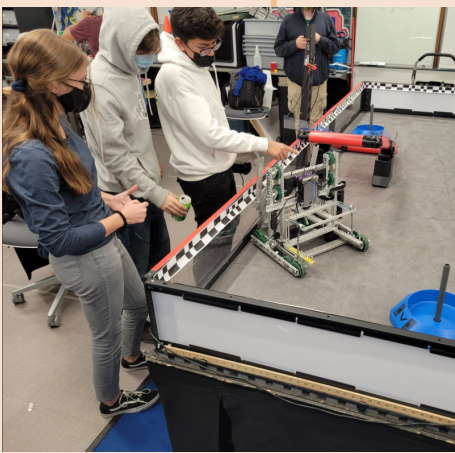
VARIOUS ROLES

Over the years, on our many different teams, we have been able to fill any role we are asked to do, from driving the robot, to filling out the notebooks, to CNC'ing a brand new robot. Any opportunity we are given to try something new, we never say no. This has made us very well rounded women and when we go to get a job it will help us succeed in any position. But even apart from jobs it has helped us win many awards for the simple fact that we all work together well and can build off of each other.



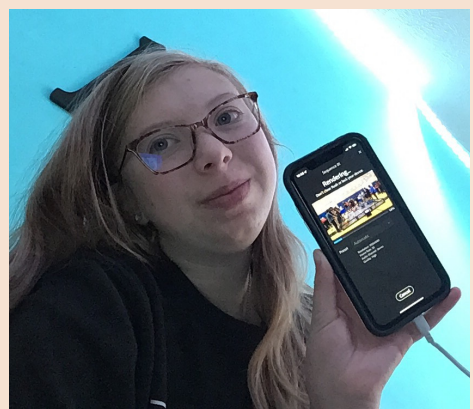
DIVERSITY

Being the only two girls in robotics here at North has been really eye opening for both of us. We always hear how men treat women differently in the engineering fields; however, we have only been encouraged by our teammates and coaches to try new things. We have never been told we can't do something just because of our gender. We think that us having that has allowed us to grow closer as a team of both men and women. With that we know we have succeeded and not just because we won awards but because we have fun doing so.



STEM ROLE MODEL

I think Ashley and I can agree there aren't any women in robotics near us. Due to that, there aren't many who can inspire us so, we inspire each other. There isn't a day where we don't learn from each other. The fact that we can go into the robotics lab be able to talk about our day as friends and then to teammates talking about a complex mechanism is impressive and makes us want more representation at North and the VEX community. Who wouldn't want more empowering females?



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

