

# **Girl Powered**

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## Mrs. Huffine

**Why does she inspire us?**

**Mrs. Huffine is a good teacher that never makes you feel like an outcast because of your gender or race. She treats her students equally, despite their different cultural backgrounds or race. She doesn't give up on students and tries to make a real difference in society and at school by making you aware of social issues outside the classroom. Furthermore, she treats her students with respect and explains things well. Not only that, but she makes a big difference in your learning by creating projects and activities that make robotics fun and an amazing experience.**

**What does the phrase “Girl Powered” mean to you? When I hear the phrase “Girl Powered” I think of creating a more inclusive environment in STEM for women, not only representing them but also showing that they are just as capable as men. Girl Powered reflects our team's approach to robotics because of our inclusivity and diversity. Over half of our team are girls, including having all programmers and notebookers being girls. We are very supportive and encouraging, bringing each other up when needed. We help each other and work hard together to get the work done as well as we can. Even though, with the statistics of women of color in stem and minority, we try to make a difference.**

**Our school is very diverse. We don't really have to try to include a diverse group of students, but on the team, we are encouraged to work together and if we have a problem not getting along we have problem-solving meetings either with each other or with our coach. Our goal is to make everyone feel important and needed on the team. We encourage team members to try various roles by explaining that everyone can do everything despite their color or gender. With this, everyone can be included in anything. What they learn from this experience is that anyone can do anything, really. They also learn new things from experience. With new things, everybody knows more and has experience with multiple roles.**

**We all believe that diversity of perspective doesn't impact the design of our robot, but the diversity of perspective impacts our team chemistry by making it harder to work together**

**We are all proud to have Mrs. Huffine as our teacher**

**Sincerely,  
Team 48466B.**