

My name is Kira Makukhina and my first language is Russian. I had trouble when I first started school. By the time I got to 1st grade I still had trouble speaking English! In STEM class I noticed that the STEM teacher, Mrs. Egbert spoke Russian too, so every time I went to STEM class I felt like it was my time to shine. That's what inspired me to be in robotics. I want to inspire every girl and kid that has a different cultural background. If you feel like you don't belong in robotics; know that you can join and be successful in it. It's not just for boys or people who are from popular cultures! It is for everybody!