

Some Favorite Resources for Girls in STEM:

The following Letter to the Editor appeared in the college newspaper, *Michigan Tech Lode* on Nov. 19, 2015:

To the women in my engineering classes:

While it is my intention in every other interaction I share with you to treat you as my peer, let me deviate from that to say that you and I are in fact unequal.

Sure, we are in the same school program, and you are quite possibly getting the same GPA as I, but does that make us equal?

I did not, for example, grow up in a world that discouraged me from focusing on hard science.

Nor did I live in a society that told me not to get dirty, or said I was bossy for exhibiting leadership skills.

In grade school I never had to fear being rejected by my peers because of my interests.

I was not bombarded by images and slogans telling

me that my true worth was in how I look, and that I should abstain from certain activities because I might be thought too masculine.

I was not overlooked by teachers who assumed that the reason I did not understand a tough math or science concept was, after all, because of my gender.

I have had no difficulty whatsoever with a boys club mentality, and I will not face added scrutiny or remarks of my being the "diversity hire".

When I experience success the assumption of others will be that I earned it.

So, you and I cannot be equal. You have already conquered far more to be in this field than I will ever face.

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www.amightygirl.com

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GEMS-Girls Excelling in Math and Science Facebook Page
(search for @gemsclubjones on FB)

Identify Female STEM Role Models:

<https://shecanstem.com>

Explore STEM Careers:

<https://stemstudy.com/stem-program-quiz/>

Find Engineering Projects:

<https://dreambigfilm.com/education/>

Prepare for College:

www.knowhow2GO.org

Books (available through Saturn Booksellers):

Venture Girls by Cristal Glangchai, PhD

Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls by F. Cavallo & E. Favilli