



Women in STEM

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About Women in STEM

- Strengthens the connection of women in science, technology, engineering, and math fields to the greater campus community
- Accessible and inclusive to all students, not just women
- Diverse membership. Over 80% of Women in STEM Club members at South identify as people of color
- Supportive environment for women in STEM fields
- Engaging community members
- Collaboration across campus. Work with #Hour of Code, the Association for Women in Aviation, Gender Equity Center, and WorkSource Dept. to reach more students



Why this Club Matters

Visibility on campus

- Women in STEM plays an important role on campus: We are empowering and supporting women in STEM fields.
- Our presence embodies South Seattle College's values: We elevate the voice to an underrepresented group of students and celebrate their achievements.

Building community and confidence

- As students, we can relate and support other South students who may be interested in getting more involved on campus and within our community.





Women in STEM in Action

- Annual campus-wide STEM Fair partnership with R.S.T Academy
- Networking hikes with Boeing engineers





Women in STEM in Action

- WiSE Conference participation
- STEM Exploration Night: K-12 classes in Federal Way Public Schools
- Partner with Gender Equity Center and WorkSource to plan the Women of Color in STEM panel/workshop
- Spring end-of-year celebration for South students, hosted by the Women in STEM club





Benefits for Members

- Awareness of STEM programs and resources for support services
- Sense of comradery between current and future members
- Inclusive and available to all students at South
- Reinforces empowerment and confidence amongst women in STEM fields
- Provides important information about club membership, and other ways to be engaged on campus
- Networking and connecting with leaders in STEM fields, other STEM students, and faculty members
- Celebration: STEM subjects and activities are fun!



Challenges and Opportunities

- Obtaining funds to support field trips and events
 - Cost of materials and food needed for events on campus
 - Cost of sponsorship to conferences and field trips
- Student Scheduling Conflicts
 - Work commitments
 - Familial obligations
 - Rigorous academic courses
- Leadership tenure
- Faculty involvement





Outreach

How start a Women in STEM Club at your School

- Decide why it makes sense to establish a Women in STEM Club
- Faculty member must take initiative:
 - Source funding
 - Help write bylaws
 - Onboard student officers
 - Help officers develop ideas for activities
 - Allow students to lead and be available





Thank you

Thank you for your time, and your commitment to empowering all South students to reach their full potential.

