

## Comments from Thank You notes from AAUW MPB Tech Trek Girls

### 2022

I learned to push past my comfort zone.

There were amazing and inspirational speakers that really helped me because they taught us that you can't let anything stop you from being successful.

Thank you so much for the time and investment in me and the other girls-for the opportunity & the experience of genetics-makes me have a better idea of a career.

I had a lot of fun building new things and socializing with other girls my age. It inspired me by being more interested in science and why science is important in the world.

I loved working with my group to create a cute and functional rocket

### 2021

I just wanted to tell you what an amazing time I had while being in tech trek, I am really glad I decided to join. You guys showed me that I am capable of many things if I put my mind to it. (Natali)

### 2019

In the end, Tech Trek has opened new doors and paved new future pathways for me as a woman in STEM. (Kelsey)

This camp has given me hope that I can achieve my dreams and persevere through anything. (Chandni)

The people you meet at Tech Trek are amazing. They're kind and funny and smart and nerdy and cool and supportive and loving and helpful. ... Now that I've learned more about this field of STEM, I believe I'll draw myself into different STEM classes and courses. (Abigail)

### 2018

I have met many amazing women and girls who have encouraged me to keep learning about STEM and keep it in my life. I have learned many things like how to code, design and make an app. ... We talked with female scientists, coders, science based businesses, engineers, doctors, animators and many other incredible women. (EI)

During the camp, it made me realize how important it is to speak up, how not to be afraid of making new mistakes, being positive, confident and strong. ... I am a very shy person... My dorm mom, my core teacher and my counselors and dorm mates made me realize that our voices matter, our voices are crucial and asking questions makes us gain more knowledge. (Andz)

One of my favorite activities was Professional Women Night. I was able to learn about different STEM paths and careers. I will never forget this experience! I am forever grateful (Lily)

### 2017

An important long-term impact of Tech Trek was an expanded understanding of the vast range of careers and areas of study within STEM. During camp, I was inspired by the accomplished lecturers and workshop coaches from a variety of STEM fields. They introduced new topics to me and demonstrated the societal impacts of their work, which helped me keep an open mind to new areas of study I had not previously considered... My exposure to these new topics influenced me to take more STEM-related advanced classes and electives in high school. Tech Trek emphasized conservation and ecology, which piqued my interest in the environmental science class at school. (Olivia, upon HS graduation in 2022)

My favorite experience at Tech Trek was my Core Class, Engineering. I would have so much excitement just to wake up in the morning to get ready for my core class (Brenda)

**2016**

I love that there are so many girls surrounding me that all have the same passions. I learned about app inventing. I learned about coding which was way more complicated than it looks. ... This camp sure broaden my horizon, which I am grateful for. (Lulu)

My core class was also fantastic. I had App Inventing and it introduced me to the world of programming (which I love) and showed me how much I enjoy graphic designing. ... This experience will impact my career path, my confidence, and mostly importantly my love for science, technology, engineering and math. (Jayne)

**2015**

Thank you for the opportunity to come to Tech Trek, an amazing camp. ... I was excited to be placed into 3-D math as my core choice. The program lived highly up to my expectations. ... We created a puzzle; it was difficult and frustrating. But, when I completed the puzzle, I was extremely proud of myself. (Allison)

**2014**

My favorite part of the week long course was learning how to blood type. (Kiana)  
I also loved doing all the engineering projects in physics... This camp was amazing! (Selena)

Tech Trek aided me in exploring challenging topics such as physics in a fun and creative way.... I remember thinking to myself "one day this could be me." I am currently a freshman at UCSB, after graduating in the top ten of my class. I can honestly say Tech Trek was the kick start to my confidence and motivation in pursuing a challenging career. (Selena, 6 years later)

**2013**

I have also learned an incredible deal of structural engineering that I have used in various projects such as the mouse-trap cars and spaghetti bridges. (Jordi)

**2012**

Talking with women about their careers gave me an idea of what I'm interested in. One career that inspired me was seismology because I learned about fascinating projects people in that profession do. (Brittany)

**2011**

I made many new friends, which is really weird because at school I'm the shyest person (Anjali)

I really liked the Star Party Monday night. The two highlights of the evening were seeing Saturn (I'd never seen it before) and pointing the telescope by myself (Eloise)

**2010**

During professional women's night, a bunch of women, with great jobs that involved math and/or science, came and taught about their jobs. (Brianna)

**2009**

My marine biology core class was extremely fun. ... We also did many fun activities as well, such as doing a chart of the ocean zones. (Carol)