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