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Jiffy Lube: What Drives You?

I am driven by my love of technology. All humans are born with a baseline amount of power. It is a power that stems from the inner person; it exists nowhere until one calls upon it and uses it to accomplish something that otherwise would not have been done. Nothing turns into something. Coding is similar. At first, there is nothing except a blinking cursor on a blank document but as the fingers dance while the mind choreographs, a great something is made. My first something was a webpage with one image. Then as I created more somethings, I was finally able to make a website that I could proudly show. Soon the flame of ambition crackled and prompted me to I spread my knowledge. Thus, I embarked on a journey to found a program that teaches girls ages 8-13 to become future web developers! By partnering with the Meridian Library District and National Center for Women and Information Technology (NCWIT), I was able to compile and create 30-hours of curriculum as well as provide 200+ hours of teaching, as measured by NCWIT. All participants left the program with at least a simple, static web page. Most come out of it saying, they have a greater interest in technology. Seeing little 'ah-ha' moments fuels my passion for all things web. Moreover, I spearhead a partnership between SkillsUSA Meridian Technical Charter High School and Barbara Morgan

STEM Academy's Coder's Club where high school students volunteer and help elementary students to program. My love of technology does not put on the breaks there. In all I do, I strive to commit myself to it fully. Currently, I am the youngest member of the 2018-2019 SkillsUSA Idaho State Officer group. SkillsUSA is a career-technical organization where I have competed in four different competitions; I have also placed in the top 3 in all four. Through SkillsUSA, I was able to foster an entrepreneurial mind. My goal is to enroll in college and work as a web developer for a company for a few years. Then when my skills are diamond sharp, I will transform into a freelancer and build up a large client base. Eventually, I will not be able to take care of all my clients and will have to hire someone. From there, a small business will flourish. To get there, I need my love of technology and to hungrily snatch every leadership opportunity presented to me. Both things are being sufficiently fueled. Clearly, my love of technology drives me to educate and lead.