

I think that being in Techsploration will help me narrow down and eliminate some of the things that I might want to do in the future. I'm currently in the middle of debating between three jobs that are quite different.

You could say that I'm not your typical teenage girl. Personal interests of mine are reading, writing, and horseback riding. I've been riding for 8 years and bought my own horse 2 years ago. Being a horse owner has taught me a lot of responsibility. It has taught me to care for another life, and teaching me about managing money for food, grooming, and medical reasons. I'm also actively involved in church, taking part in services, and in youth group. My youth is currently raising money to go to CLAY, a Lutheran/Anglican gathering in PEI this August. I often go up to Rosedale Home for Special Care on weekends to do crafts with the residents and just visit. I really enjoy going up, I love seeing the smiles on their faces when they see me and my dog, Tucker, coming towards them. The staff always say that after we leave, all the residents talk about is how much they like having us come up. Before I leave, some will even ask me when I plan on coming up next. It makes my day to know that I've put a smile on their face by doing such a small thing.

As I said before I'm currently battling in my head what job interests me the most at the moment. I've had my heart set on being a vet for the past couple of years and I even went to South Shore Veterinary Hospital for Take Your Kid to Work Day. It was the greatest experience of my life as I got to play with the animals, help make sterile packages for the OR, observe the cases that came into the clinic, and even watch surgeries! Another job that I might like to do is be a Registered Nurse focusing on the care for elderly. Like I said I love being the person who can make a difference in someone's life and being able to bring a smile to their face every day. I really could sit down and listen to the stories they tell all day, it's so interesting to hear about how they grew up in the same area 50-60 years ago that I am growing up in today. The last job that interests me at the moment is a homicide detective. I'm good at picking out small details and creating scenarios that make sense with the evidence given. I love watching crime shows such as Dexter, Law and Order SVU, and Criminal Minds. I think that trying to figure out what a murderer was thinking or why they chose that victim would be amazing. I want to be the person that closes a case and brings justice to a grieving family.

I'm not really involved in extra-curricular activities, I've never been interested in sports. I do give the periodic riding lesson to my younger cousin on her horse and have started training my aunt's four year old horse. I have also worked multiple dogs in agility with Lorraine, the most recent one being my own, Tucker. There are mostly adults or kids younger than I am in agility class and most of my horse friends go to other schools. There isn't anyone in my class who shares the same interests with me, so finding a connection with people in that way is difficult. I'm hoping that Techsploration will introduce me to other girls the same age as me and then we'll have at least one thing in common. I heard about Techsploration from the various presentations that have happened at the school, and I learned a lot more from the PowerPoint that the team from last year made. They had good things to say about the program and made it sound more interesting.

I haven't had any family members involved in Techsploration, so I think that it would be a good thing to experience and pass my experience on to girls younger than me who are having a hard time deciding what they want to do with their future. My younger cousin is in grade seven and I would love for her to take the opportunity of Techsploration when she's in grade nine.

I think that any role model would be cool to meet but one that really interests me is anyone who studies the body or brain, looking at functions or trying to find a cure for a disease. It would be cool to meet someone like this because if later on they do have a breakthrough in their work, we could say that we have met that person and had intel on their research when they were just beginning. I am a trustworthy and committed person, I could bring responsibility, good work ethic, and leadership skills to the 2016 Techsploration team. I hope that I am one of the girls chosen to represent our school at a variety of event this year.

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