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## ADITI 2017 GEMS

I am a freshman at Urbana High School, and I am interested in doing research in a STEM field in the future. I am also interested in robotics; I have been a part of a robotics team since middle school.

## ANY WORDS OF ADVICE FOR FUTURE AEOP PARTICIPANTS?

I would definitely recommend future AEOP participants to continue doing AEOP Summer STEM programs because they are an excellent opportunity to gain exposure to a wide variety of STEM topics.

## HOW HAS PARTICIPATING IN AEOP INSPIRED YOU TO ADVANCE IN STEM

The AEOP GEMS BattleBots program was my first introduction to robotics and it inspired me to be part of an FLL robotics team. I am currently a member of my high school FRC team. For the past two years, I have also been conducting introductory FLL robotics workshops in my community for elementary and middle schoolers. As part of the AEOP council, I would love to inspire and encourage more girls to participate in STEM programs!

## WHAT WERE SOME OF THE BEST THINGS ABOUT THE PROGRAM YOU PARTICIPATED IN?

I have been attending the GEMS summer camps since 4th grade and some of my favorite programs were CSI and Environmental Science. I loved the hands-on activities they provided!

## WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE STEM ROLE MODEL? WHY?

My favorite STEM role model is my older brother, who has always inspired and motivated me to try new STEM activities!

## WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE HOPES AND DREAMS?

I want to work in life science research and help discover new medicines and make them more accessible to people from all walks of life.