



November

Monthly Patch Program Girl Scouts of Central Illinois

Reshma Saujani

“Embracing failure is the most important trait I’ve developed in my career. I have tried to learn from my failures, and I believe it has made me stronger, more confident and more resilient.”

Reshma Saujani is an American lawyer, politician, civil servant, and the founder of the nonprofit organization Girls Who Code, which aims to increase the number of women in computer science and close the gender employment difference in that field.

Complete 3-Daisy, 4-Brownie, 5-Junior, 6-Cadette, and
7-Senior/Ambassador steps to earn your patch.

All monthly patches are custom designed patches. Once we get the final number of patches after the 15th of each month, we place an order. Patches take about a month to create and then we mail them to you.

Order patch on-line by **December 15th, 2021** at www.getyourgirlpower.org

Discover

1. Learn more about Reshma. Read articles or watch interviews. Discover how and why she started Girls who code.
2. Reshma began her career as an attorney and activist. In 2010, she surged onto the political scene as the first Indian American woman to run for U.S. Congress. Learn a little but more about running for congress. Can anyone run for Congress? How many seats are up for election? How many signatures are needed for Congress?
3. During the race for Congress, Reshma visited local schools and saw the gender gap in computing classes firsthand, which led her to start Girls Who Code. Learn the mission of Girls who code. What is the program about? Is this something you are interested in?



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4. Girls Who Code's mission "We're on a mission to close the gender gap in tech." What do you think that means? In 1995, 37% of computer scientists were women. Today, it's only 24%. The percent will continue to decline if we do nothing. We know that the biggest drop off of girls in computer science is between the ages of 13 and 17. What do you know about the coding field? What is coding? Take the time and research what coding is and what fields are associated with.

Connect

5. Reshma is also the author of Brave, Not Perfect—a movement rooted in her experience, TedTalk, book, and podcast encouraging women to live their bravest, fullest lives. Watch Reshma TED talk. Discuss the talk with your Troop or a friend. Do you think what Reshma said is true? How did the video make you feel?
 - a. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fC9da6eqaqq>
6. "Meet the team working to close the gender gap in TECH." It takes more than one person to run a business. Check out Girls Who Code's team and job openings. Learn what every person needs and does to support the mission. Investigate how each position helps one another. Think about different employees and positions you think Girls Who Code need. Create your own position at Girls Who Code. What would be your job title? Will you have a fun title? What is your contribution towards Girls Who Code's mission? Develop your job description with words, art, coding terms, or another creative expression. Think about the impact you will create.
7. CNN wrote that Reshma Saujani is not a coder but she's empowering "an army of young women" to take on tech's gender gap through her nonprofit Girls Who Code. What does Gender Gap mean? Are there different kinds of gaps? Why is there a gender gap? What is the difference between gender gap and gender inequality? Do you think gender gap exists today and do you believe it will exist in 10, 20, 50, or even 100 years? Is it legal to pay a woman less than a man? Come up with three ideas you can do to reduce gender gap. Have a conversation about gender gap with business around your area, talk to adults, friends, or anybody who would like to discuss how doors can be open to all fairly.



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Take Action

8. New York wrote an article about Reshma's graduation speech she gave. "Reshma Saujani, the founder and CEO of Girls Who Code, gave graduates from the Harvard Graduate School of Education some surprising advice on Wednesday. If women are to lead, she said, they have to be taught to fail."

'Everything I've Achieved Has Come from Perseverance' Reshma said. Try something new today. Maybe explore a new sport, try a new recipe, learn a song, or pick up a hobby you always fancied. Change yourself. Try it with a friend. It's okay to fail.

9. Learn to code. Take a class. Check out the programs Girl Who code offer. <https://girlswhocode.com/programs>. It might not be for you, it's okay. Discover all ways you can learn to code. Check out on the coding badges that the Girl Scouts offer. https://www.girlscouts.org/en/our-program/badges/badge_explorer.html If you already know how to code teach it to somebody. Create your own lesson plan. "I march for sisterhood because I believe in the power of women and girls" - Gia, Girls Who Code alumni
10. Complete Step 5. After completing Step 5 create your own TED talk. TED's slogan is "idea worth spreading". They are posted online for free distribution for all to watch. Become a great leader and create your own inspiring TED talk. The talks are influential. Speak about something that means a lot to you. Post your TED talk online or send it out to family and friends with parental approval.