

# MEET MS. BOBBI:

Ms. Bobbi has always been interested in working with kids, but when she saw the mission of being Strong, Smart & Bold and the all-girl setting at Girls Inc., she knew she was in the right place.

The S.T.E.M. programs are her favorite to teach with the girls, and most of the time she is with the teens (5th grade to teen), who she said really enjoy trivia.

"The teens are super competitive, and I love seeing them so into the activity we are doing," she said.



So when she had to begin planning virtual lessons, she considered what their favorite activities and lessons were and she incorporated that into her programming.

"I hope that I'm giving them something they can spend five minutes watching and learning about," she said. She has taught them to make smoothies and pizza crescent rolls, which is part of the Girls Inc. program Girls in the Kitchen she enjoys teaching, and she has tested their "sink or float" theories virtually.

While she recognizes her job is to teach the girls, she said she also learns so much from them through the bonds between the girls and the staff.

One of Ms. Bobbi's most impactful moments came when one of the teens, who had not really opened up in class, responded when Bobbi asked her about her day.

"She spent a long time telling me about her day and that she needed advice about something," she said. "When our conversation was over, she thanked me and hugged me. It felt rewarding to be that person for her."



The routine of asking the girls about their day as well as joking with them is missed by Bobbi.

I am waiting for the day I can teach them face-to-face again," she said. "I miss seeing the girls' smiles, and I miss their hugs. Every day their smiles brighten my day."