lia, Luan Heimlich.

“Last year, 40 – 45% of competitors were girls," she said. “This year I know it’s more.”

Heimlich, whose daughter Sarah was among the first alumni from FIRST, said the key to encouraging more girls to join is to connect them in a way that makes them feel empowered.

“It’s about making sure they understand we’re not doing technology just for technology’s sake. It has to have some real world meaning.

“The other part of the competition has to do with outreach and changing the world with your message, which is something that is very different at FIRST. That really appeals to girls, which is why we’re seeing the numbers go up,” she said. she said.

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