

I originally joined DLD because I wanted another elective and had heard such great things about Dr. K. And I'm extremely glad I did. The class was this extraordinary blend of math, computer science, and electrical engineering that I don't think any other class at the high school comes close to meeting. Dr. K made DLD fun and engaging with stories and slightly-strange problems (a malfunctioning molasses cookie machine, for example), but he also challenged us to stretch our problem solving abilities. I think part of the reason I enjoyed DLD so much was because we were constantly working together in different groups, bouncing ideas off each other and racing against other teams to see who finished first. Work never really felt like work.

Personally, this class reignited my love of computer science and reminded me why I love problem solving so much. It was a breath of fresh air among more traditional STEM classes, and I think any student would benefit, no matter where their interests lie. I learned how to write a basic lab report (something that none of my other science classes taught), and had the opportunity to work hands-on with circuits. I mean, how cool is that?! And every time we grew comfortable with what we were building, Dr. K would challenge us in new ways to make the circuit neater, more efficient, or more complex. I am truly grateful to have taken DLD this year.

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