Women in Stem Panel Discussion

The Women in Stem Panel Discussion held in Webb Halls Auditorium (Webb 110) on September 28th was a very eye opening presentation, not only for the females that attended, but also the male students in the audience.

The point that they were trying to get across to the audience was that even though the percentage of women in Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) careers is low it shouldn’t deter females from choosing a STEM discipline as their career path. The women on the panel mentioned many incidences where they either felt like the minority or different because of being a woman. They then explained how they coped with these real world problems and how they even used these situations and being women to their advantage. Everyone in the audience learned a lot from what the panelist had to say and the answers to the questions from the moderator and audience members. The overall message that was explained throughout the presentation was to do what you love no matter the road blocks that may seem to be in your way.

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