

“It can be easy to be intimidated when thinking about your entire career, but you just need to start somewhere. If you're intrigued by a career in STEM, talk to people in the field to learn more about the subject and work to see if you want to try it.”

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FUN FACT: Saskia enjoys kayaking in the Puget Sound. Earlier this year, a gray whale swam past her boat in the Hood Canal!

