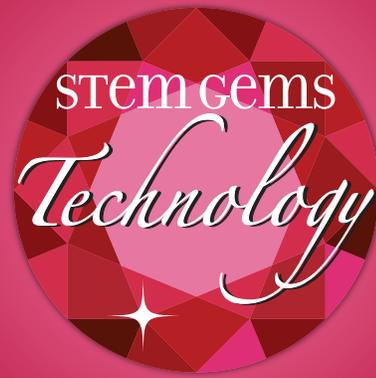


STEM Gem Career:
KALIYA YOUNG

STEM Gem:
INTERNET IDENTITY ADVOCATE

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Is a career as an Internet Identity Advocate in your future? Well, are you an adroit web user who cares about protecting the privacy of personal online information? STEM Gem Kaliya Young, also known as the *Identity Woman*, created a space dedicated to finding, probing, and solving identity issues. Consider watching one of her videos. Then, with your STEM Gems Tribe, **discuss, explore, reflect,** and **act.**

DISCUSS

1. How do Internet Identity Advocates like Ms. Young make a difference in the world?
2. What experiences did Ms. Young have that led to her pursuit of a career as an Internet Identity Advocate?
3. What is Ms. Young's educational background?
4. What are some of the challenges that Ms. Young faced along her journey?
5. What are some of Ms. Young's key accomplishments?
6. What inspired you most about Ms. Young's story?
7. Ms. Young says: *"I hit a wall in high school. Math was taught in a way that was hard for me to learn it – very linearly, and I learn holistically."* Her road to a career in technology wasn't always easy or obvious. How do you think Ms. Young was able to persevere, maintain her confidence, pick herself up, and keep moving forward?

EXPLORE

1. To pursue a career as an Internet Identity Advocate, what college majors should you consider?
2. What colleges and universities have programs in these areas?
3. What companies hire Internet Identity Advocates, and for what purpose?
4. Name at least two other women Internet Identity Advocates. How are they similar to Ms. Young? How are they different?
5. What professional organizations support Internet Identity or Security Advocates? Do they have programs available for middle and high school students? How can you become a part of these organizations?

REFLECT

Ms. Young advises girls and young women to attend conferences in areas of interest to them and network with women across the world of tech. Have you ever attended a STEM-based networking event? Research conferences and panel discussions in your area. Think about questions you may have. Learn as much as you can.

ACT

It's time to step outside your comfort zone. Name one concrete thing you will do before your next meeting that will have you one step closer to becoming a STEM Gem. Blog about it. Include it in your written or photo journal. Hold yourself accountable.

Work hard. Be brave. Stay curious.

BE A GEM!

Stephanie Espy

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