STEM Gem Career:
STARTUP CHAMPION and ENTREPRENEUR

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SHAHEROSE CHARANIA

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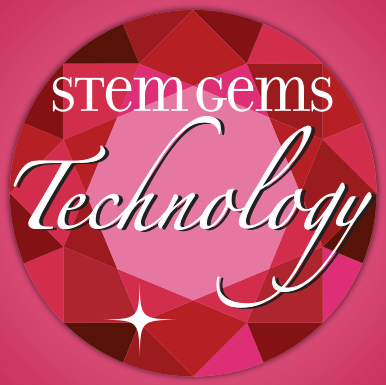

Is a career as a Startup Champion and Entrepreneur in your future? Well, are you a tech junkie like STEM Gem Shaherose Charania with a desire to support entrepreneurs? Ms. Charania's passion is to make women an equal part of the high-tech and innovation discussion – less they not have a strong voice. Read her story and digest. Consider watching one of her videos. Then, with your STEM Gems Tribe, **discuss, explore, reflect,** and **act.**

DISCUSS

1. How do Startup Champions and Entrepreneurs make a difference in the world?

2. What experiences did Ms. Charania have that led to her pursuit of a career as a Startup Champion and Entrepreneur?

3. What is Ms. Charania's educational background?

4. What are some of the challenges that Ms. Charania faced along her journey?

5. What are some of Ms. Charania's key accomplishments?

6. What inspired you most about Ms. Charania's story?

7. Ms. Charania says: *"Try, try, try, and if you fail, try again. And if you fail, try again."* What does her advice mean to you?

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EXPLORE

1. To pursue a career as a tech Startup Champion and Entrepreneur, what college majors should you consider?

2. What colleges and universities have programs in these areas?

3. What are some up-and-coming technologies that excite you?

4. Name at least two other women Startup Champions and Entrepreneurs. How are they similar to Ms. Charania?

5. What magazines, blogs, and other medium showcase new and cutting-edge technologies and technologists?

6. What professional organizations support women Startup Champions and Entrepreneurs? Do they have conferences, lectures, or mentorship programs for middle and high school students?

REFLECT

Ms. Charania doesn't believe in giving up. She knows that failure is a part of life, and despite your failures, you should never stop trying. Is there something that have tried but given up on? Is there something that you need to keep working hard for? When things get tough and you fall down, what can you do to get back up and try again?

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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