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-Teachers encouraged me to study math.

-Teachers help students develop confidence.

-One teacher called me her “Math Sharpie.” I remember that teacher 20 years later.

-It is crucial that teachers actively encourage girls to pursue mathematics.

I manage a team of six people who work on one of Baltimore Technology's core software products. As the team is small, my role is not completely confined to that of manager and it often takes on a very practical and technical nature. This particular software product is very complex and leverages technologies from a variety of sources.

I was born and raised in the Maritimes and grew up outside of Antigonish, Nova Scotia on a strawberry farm with my 3 brothers, parents, grandparents and uncle's family.

**For all my years at school, mathematics was my favorite subject.**

I remember distinctly being encouraged and urged to do my best by many teachers and particularly by my father.

I have been working in the industry for eight years and believe strongly that my math background has more than prepared me for success in the computer industry.

Overall, mine is an exciting career to have, as the amount to learn is endless and the path that your career takes is really in your own hands.

Mathematics provides the opportunity for people to learn how to approach a problem to be solved, no matter how simple or complex. And it is my belief that the computer community craves exactly what math programs provide: people who think analytically and independently. So, although I was not a formally trained computer scientist, this industry was still open to me because of the training I unknowingly received during my mathematics education.