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What Does Female Empowerment Mean To Me?

I've always been encouraged to set goals and not stop till those goals are reached. I'm in control of my destiny. I was being empowered before I knew what empowerment was. Now that I know what female empowerment means and the sheer significance of it, here's what I'll do to ensure that as a young woman, I continue to be empowered: I'll always be my authentic self, as there is no one that I wish to be but me; I'll take advantage of the opportunities available to me; I'll take responsibility for the decisions that I make and accept the consequences of those decisions; I won't be consumed by insecurities I may have, and instead I'll work toward being the very best version of me.

I wasn't born in an era when gender inequality created constraints that made it impossible for women to be who they wanted to be. Women today owe a debt of gratitude to those women who cleared a path for this generation. There is no better way for young women to pay homage to our female trailblazers than by ensuring limitations aren't accepted based solely on one's gender. This is what female empowerment means to me.