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Today, Luis Daniel Garcia is a computer programmer for the Principal Financial Group[®], working on software that helps people make decisions about their futures. His journey from curious, young science student to IT professional took Luis to all sorts of places—and offers a perfect example of the importance of STEM education.

"As a kid I was fascinated by any cartoons and video games involving robots," says Luis. "That started me thinking about a career in robotics."

During college, Luis got to work on projects for NASA and Boeing.

"In college, I shifted my thinking from robotics to computer programming," Luis added. "This course of study let me absorb a wide range of science knowledge: web development, operating systems and even electrical engineering."

Now, his advice to young people is, "Try different sciences and see which one you like best. There are so many things to choose from and every science is interesting in its own way."

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