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#### **Inspiring the Next Generation of Women in STEM**

#### What do you enjoy most about your role at Univar Solutions?

The dynamics—I never stand still. I'm always in touch with customers, suppliers, our commercial team, and our laboratory technical team. Whether visiting customers, giving training or conducting tests in the laboratory, I feel fulfilled. Besides that, I like to solve problems, propose solutions, and generate innovations.

#### What excites you about the future of the chemical and ingredient industry?

Thinking about innovation, we are looking more carefully at the environment and creating more eco-friendly products and processes.

#### What are you most proud of achieving in your career thus far?

I'm proud of my graduation in Production Engineering, my professional career, and nearing the completion of my MBA in Project Management.

## Who is a woman who inspires you and why?

In science, Marie Curie, for being ahead of her time.

# What three characteristics do you think are most important for women in STEM to have and why?

- Curiosity to know more Always looking for knowledge, in books, documentaries, training and learning from professional references in the field.
- 2. Courage to be different Innovations start when we think outside the box.
- 3. Determination to never give up The "road" won't always be easy, but with determination we'll be able to achieve our goals.

## How are you working to inspire the next generation of women in STEM?

I'm proud to be part of the "Women in STEM." I'm always encouraging other women to study something related to science, sharing my challenges and successes, and talking more about this topic on social media.

#### What advice would you give to the next generation of women in STEM?

I would like to tell them to be brave, identify their space, and never give up. And never leave your essence aside.

