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### Inspiring the Next Generation of Women in STEM

#### What is your role at Univar Solutions?

I provide technical support for Inside Sales and New Business Development teams for all business lines, which is a unique and exciting role. I have a bachelor's degree in Chemistry and worked in Research and Development in the adhesives industry, so I bring this technical background to everything I do.

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

Univar Solutions works with suppliers who are always making new advancements in their fields. It is exciting to learn about, and be a partner in, these innovations and technologies.

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

Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest Nobel Prize Laureate. Her dedication to furthering education, especially for women, is incredibly inspiring given the adversity she has experienced.

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

Persistence, resourcefulness, and independence. STEM programs are rigorous, and it helps to develop good independent study skills and the ability to solve problems in new ways.

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

Find a great mentor who can help you navigate your education in STEM and achieve your career goals. STEM encompasses many fields and opportunities, and it is helpful to have someone to guide you along the way.

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