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Inspiring the Next Generation of Women in STEM

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

I enjoy the opportunities to learn about so many different areas—cosmetics, food and cleaning products to name a few. I also enjoy working closely with customers and suppliers to help solve different challenges with different processes.

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

Understanding new technologies that will help make better products in the future is very exciting for me.

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

I am most proud of having a career in chemistry—the same area that I have loved since my school days. Also, I am proud to work for a company that understands and respects the personal lives of its team members. I recently took maternity leave, and I've received incredible support during both my time away and upon my return.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

When I was a child I had a chemistry game, and I loved to wear my father's white shirt to pretend I was wearing a lab coat. Now, I wear a real lab coat and develop real products. And sometimes, working in the lab is as fun as it was when I was a child.

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

1. Be a strong student: You won't start your career with a lot of experience, so the best way of gaining knowledge is through your studies.
2. Be confident: Do not be afraid to show and share your point of view.
3. Be respectful: Always act respectfully, and you will get the respect that you want and deserve from your colleagues.

Who is a woman who inspires you and why?

My first boss when I interned at another company inspires me. She inspired me to explore the cosmetics industry as a career. She is an inspiration because she embraces a great work-life balance as both a brilliant business woman and a very good mother.

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

I work with many interns who are young women, and I enjoy showing them how interesting it can be to work in the lab.

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