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Inspiring the Next Generation of Women in STEM

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

The vast knowledge of raw materials I've learned in my formulating career. You don't realize how far you have come in your career until you are called upon to use such knowledge, and you can rise to the occasion and be an asset to your employer and your customers. Even now, I am learning more and more every day.

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

Perform every task you are given as if you will be judged on your performance. Don't just learn your job but learn the positions of those around you as well. The more you know, and more efficient you are, the more valuable you will become. Be a jack of all trades. And, don't be afraid to ask questions. Ask questions on top of questions.

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

The Clean Beauty initiative. It's exciting because the knowledge is two-sided: it brings together scientists' expertise of raw materials with consumer concerns. Initiatives that come together with both scientists' and consumers' experience create more complete and sound answers to our issues.

How have you used innovation to overcome a challenge in your field?

Early in my career, before joining Univar Solutions, I was able to use a new conditioning polymer that outperformed all our existing and standard conditioners in the lab. This breakthrough led to an entirely new line of conditioners, but more importantly it taught me the valuable lesson to always give salespeople the chance to tell you about their raw materials as they are continually looking for new ways to help make your job easier. Also, always learn through hands-on experiments with the materials in the lab, as it increases your knowledge of raw materials in general.

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

I teach, and I am always open to help other people learn what I know. Most importantly to me, I will never refuse anyone knowledge.

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