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Inspiring the Next Generation of Women in STEM

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Being at the forefront of the product development process, supporting companies with our technical expertise and broad portfolio that helps them from the first idea for a new product to the market launch.

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

While I'm a scientist, I also consider myself an entrepreneur. Several years ago, I came up with a new product for an operational fluid for commercial vehicles that is successfully sold to different customers in more than 15 countries.

Who is a woman who inspires you and why?

My grandaunt was born in 1924. She raised three children, earned two PhDs and wrote several books. When she began her law studies, she was almost 80 years old and the oldest college student in her class. She taught me two important lessons:

1. Do what you love
2. You are never too old to learn something new and achieve what you want.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

Since a very young age, a scientist. I wanted to understand how our world works and what was happening all around us. I constantly asked questions: Why are the leaves green and the ocean blue? How does electricity come through the plug? I studied chemistry and earned a doctorate in chemistry to be able to create new things to protect life and improve our health.

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

Be self-confident in your knowledge and your competencies. Be proud of what you have achieved, and let others learn from you.

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