# \*STEM STAR \*\*



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### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE. CHEMICAL ENGINEERING**

#### WHAT DO I DO AND ITS IMPACT ON THE WORLD?

I lead a large team of engineers, designers, and construction managers that design and build manufacturing facilities around the world that make medicines and other therapies for people living with various conditions like cancer, diabetes, or various other diseases. Our teams focus on delivering safe, quality designs to get our partner's products to market as fast as possible to ensure patients have access to the treatments they need to improve their lives. Have you ever considered who designs and builds the facilities in which medicine is made?



## WHAT INTERESTS OR HOBBIES DID YOU AS A YOUNG GIRL THAT RELATE TO YOUR JOB?

I was a very curious as a child. I loved to read to learn more about inventions, culture, and other worldly places. I loved mysteries and thillers to try to figure out the culprit. My love of learning and problemsolving still serves me in my career. I still read about a book of week!

### WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO YOUR YOUNGER SELF?

Nothing is permanent. There seems to be a lot of pressure on young kids these days to know what career they want early on – even as early as grade school. I went to college undecided and still graduated with a degree in engineering in 4 years. I knew I loved STEM but didn't know what direction to go. It is never too late to figure out what you'd like to do!

#### **Helpful STEM Resources:**

**DiscoverE Persist Series:** The Persist Series for women in STEM is back for a special International Women's Day episode. Join on March 8 at 12pm ET to meet speaker Monica Morales, PE, ENV SP, a Water Resources Engineer. Hear her story and stay tuned for a live Q&A. Register here.

#### **Upcoming GIS Events:**

**Save-the-date:** Our next Girls in STEM event will be on Friday, April 28 details on how to register to follow soon!

The event is sponsored by GE and will be hosted at their Aviation Learning Center.

## FUN FACT: I get to

travel to cool places around the world for Europe, India, and China, along with various states in the US.

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FUN FACT: I grew up quite poor in a small rural village, living with a single

mom. I am a first

generation college student. I selected a degree in engineering to have financial indepence.