

I AM STEM

Latoska Price

*Latoska Price is the technical service manager for coatings in the Americas for **Synthomer**, one of the world's leading suppliers of vinyl and acrylic polymers. She had many mentors and urges students to find as many people as possible to support them.*

Did you have a mentor?

In high school, I had a fantastic chemistry teacher. She had an opportunity to work in the Henry Ford soybean laboratories. Henry Ford wanted to do with the soybean what George Washington Carver did with the peanut. She actually helped create different products made from soybeans. She was also a nuclear physicist. She brought that information, that type of technology, to high school chemistry. The more I learned the more interesting chemistry became to me. She said this is good, you have a talent for this. And I felt really buoyed by that.

What advice do you have for kids exploring the world and discovering what they're interested in?

Well, I would say just don't put any limits on what you can do, especially with science. Many people I found throughout the years think that all science has so much Math, which is true. However, the math helps you understand.

What does STEM mean to you?

I think it's an exciting field. Most of my career has been in the coatings field. I have worked in such areas as automotive, fluorescent lighting, color science and architectural. Being able to take an idea, work in a team, and develop a useful product that actually creates sales is a satisfying experience.

Also, it's a lot of fun!

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