

Jessica León Fernández: Achieving goals through perseverance

As part of International Women's Day, we profile Grid Solutions engineer Jessica León Fernández.

Jessica León Fernández recognizes that she has had to work harder than most men to achieve her goals. One of those goals was to ensure that her three daughters understand the value of perseverance - and a good fight.

"I am super proud of what my daughters have achieved for themselves," said Jessica, Material Plan & Execution / Buyer from Añasco site in Puerto Rico. *"They are independent young women who strive to achieve what they want to be on their own merits, without copying anyone."*



*Jessica León Fernández
Materials Planning & Execution Specialist, GE*

She advises all young women entering the sciences to fight for what they want. *"You have the ability, strength and intelligence to conquer the world if you put your mind to it,"* she said. *"Science needs exceptional minds, and they are the minds of dreaming women like you, who dream of things that for many are impossible. You make them possible because your minds are out of this world. You are the future of science."*

Jessica has a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez campus. *"Today we see many women in the field of science compared to 15 years ago,"* she said. *"We have leading women in NASA, in medicine, in engineering. If we search in all branches of science, there will always be women making a change in the world."*

She feels her biggest professional achievement has been being able to work effectively while still always caring for her family. *"They are the motor that give me strength every day. In the end, they are the reason for our sweat,"* she said. *"You have to know how far to go with your career without harming your personal life and well-being."*

Jessica doesn't just worry about herself and her family; she described herself as *"a sincere person who does not like injustices and who looks after the well-being of all. And I don't give up easily."* She wants to keep growing and learning every day - serving as an example to future generations and contributing to their growth in a positive way.

"Although it is unfair in some aspects that women have to fight more than others to achieve their goals, this makes us better in the sense that we do not give up easily," she said. *"We are capable of doing everything in this world; I don't think there is any job we can't do."*