

Foodology by Univar Solutions Celebrates the Launch of Innovative Lunchtime Food Science Exhibition by the Science History Institute

Lunchtime: The History of Science on the School Food Tray, opens September 27 and offers a novel view of historical efforts to feed school children in the United States

DOWNERS GROVE, Ill., Sept. 24, 2024 /PRNewswire/ -- Univar Solutions LLC ("Univar Solutions" or "the Company"), a leading global solutions provider to users of specialty ingredients and chemicals, is proud to promote and support the Science History Institute in Philadelphia through the sponsorship of its new exhibition, *Lunchtime: The History of Science on the School Food Tray*. This interactive installation explores the rich history of the food science behind U.S. school lunch menu curation and the complex processes that help to ensure safe and nutritious meals for students. Visitors will enjoy learning about the chemistry of food and the culinary journey from farm to (cafeteria) table.

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"We are excited to work with the Science History Institute on this unique exhibition. The ingredient innovation that brings nutritious foods to students across the country aligns perfectly with Univar Solutions' purpose to help keep communities healthy, fed, clean, and safe," said Aaron Lee, global vice president of Health and Nutrition for Univar Solutions. "Showcasing the science behind school lunches and the advanced technologies used in food production will pique curiosity and encourage a better understanding of the food our children consume every day. Through this sponsorship, we aim to help inspire young minds to explore the endless possibilities of food science and spark fun food memories among adults and children alike."

As a trusted partner dedicated to helping create the next winning recipe and food innovation, Univar Solutions has spent the past 100 years helping meet society's need for nourishment through recipe development, ingredient optimization, and culinary chemistry. Home to a plethora of food scientists, chemists, and professional chefs, Univar Solutions partners with ingredient manufacturers and brands of all sizes to meet the challenges of the day – including finding science-based solutions for sugar-reduction, dairy-free milks, alternative proteins, and more.

Foodology by Univar Solutions supports the Institute's aim to inspire curiosity and foster a love for science among visitors of *Lunchtime*. Lee and Jesse Smith, the Science History Institute's director of curatorial affairs and exhibition curator, believe visitors will gain a newfound appreciation for the scientific processes that make school lunches possible through engaging displays, hands-on activities, and thought-provoking narratives.

"This exhibition tucks a complex story of scientific and technological change, and the social forces they influenced and were influenced by into a simple conceptual framework – the school lunch tray," says Smith. "We hope it will surprise our visitors to learn how so many of the ideas taken for granted today—like the fact that vitamins are a group of food compounds necessary for health—are in fact relatively recent scientific discoveries and shape the way we feed the country's schoolchildren."

The exhibition's public kick-off event, "*Ring the Bell, It's Lunchtime!*" will take place on Friday, September 27. It offers a unique opportunity for visitors to explore the often-overlooked intersection of food and science. From a school lunch-inspired tasting and behind the scenes look at the exhibition to a lunch-themed quiz and memory wall, the free event will delve into the surprising backstory behind one of the most familiar rites of passage – eating a school lunch. The Science History Institute at 315 Chestnut Street in Philadelphia is free and open to the public Wednesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. To learn more about the exhibition and the upcoming opening, visit sciencehistory.org/lunchtime.

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education. By working alongside organizations like Philadelphia's Science History Institute, Univar Solutions aims to ignite a passion for the world of food science and culinary adventure and inspire the next generation of innovators in the field.

Learn how the [Foodology by Univar Solutions](#) specialized food science team is dedicated to the unique technical innovation and distribution needs of food and nutrition customers.

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