

## ***Global Competency Development without Travel***



Eleanor Clifton is a fourth-year chemical engineering student at Purdue University. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, her plans to study abroad at the University of Magdeburg, Germany and work abroad with her co-op company, Eastman Chemical Company, have been altered. Instead, she is completing the Global Engineering Alliance for Research and Education (GEARE) program requirements virtually and is involved as the Recruitment Director for GEARE Ambassadors.



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Joe Tort has 20 years of experience in international education. In his current role as associate director of the Office of Professional Practice, Joe oversees the campus-wide co-op program and the Global Engineering Alliance for Research and Education (GEARE) program. His work involves building connections between university and industry partners, advising and mentoring students, and teaching professional skills and intercultural training courses. He is a qualified administrator of the Intercultural Development Inventory.