

# Transforming Higher Education Project: Experiences and Advances on University Transformation

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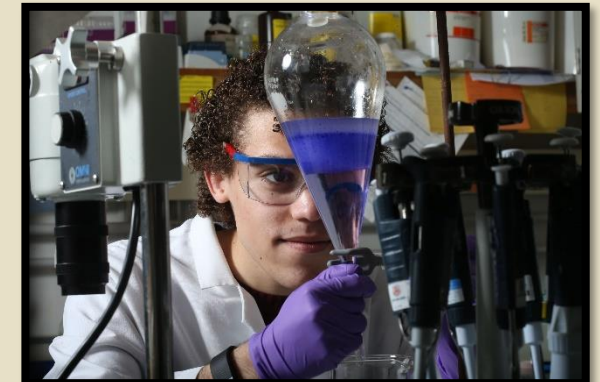
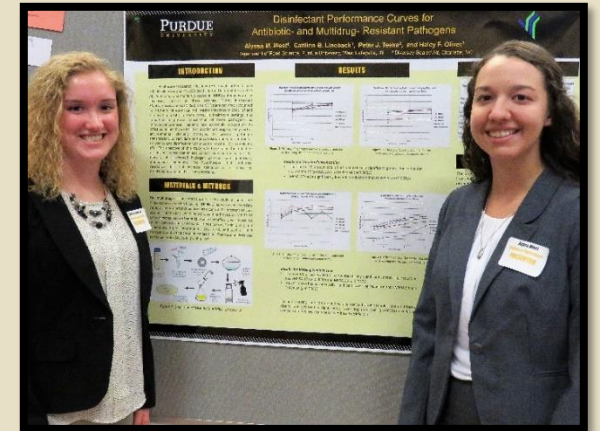


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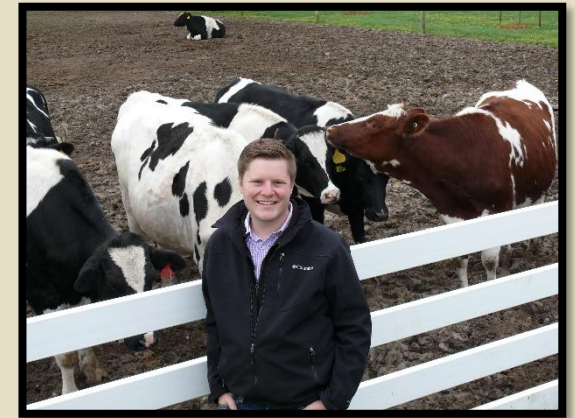
### What is CATE?

- College student experiences that enhance the undergraduate academic experience and occur primarily outside the typical classroom setting
- Commonly referred to as **co-curricular activities** or **high-impact educational practices**
- Based on Dr. Corey Seemiller's work:
  1. Communication
  2. Intrapersonal Awareness & Development
  3. Interpersonal Skills & Intercultural Knowledge
  4. Ways of Thinking



### Transformational Experiences are designed to:

- Foster intrapersonal and interpersonal development
- Help students determine their place in a global environment
- Provide students opportunities for humanitarianism and civic engagement
- Enhance students' communication, problem-solving, decision-making, analytical and creative thinking and organizational skills
- Help students realize their potential
- Improve student engagement and satisfaction
- Improve graduation and retention rates
- Prepare students for life after college







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**Dean Karen Plaut shares her thoughts on Purdue College of Agriculture Transformational Experiences**

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## CATE – Four Signature Domains



Academic  
Excellence



Leadership



Issues  
Engagement



Research



## CATE Tracking: 15 Defined Categories of Transformational Experiences

Academic Service Learning & Civic/Community Engagement	Certificate Program(s)	College Leadership
Field, Practicum, and Entrepreneurial Experience	Honors Distinction	Leadership & Professional Development Initiative
Learning Community	Peer Support (Mentor/Teacher/ Leader)	Professional/Industry Internship/Job
Public Policy/Government Internship	Recognized Purdue Student Organization/Club Leadership	Residential Leadership
Study Abroad & International Engagement	Undergraduate Research	University Student Community Program



**Developed a CATE Tracking Database – Purpose & Goals:**

- Track the transformational experiences of undergraduate students in the College of Agriculture individually, by graduating cohort, by category of transformational experiences, by department and by College
- Track student involvement by participation numbers and varied statistics (percentages of specified cohorts)
- Track involvement in specific, defined and **verified** categories of transformational experiences
- Encourage all undergraduate students in the College of Agriculture to engage in at least **one meaningful transformational experience** during their academic career



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