

CONGRATULATIONS 2020 GRADUATES!

**SPAN PLAN CELEBRATES
PASSION, COURAGE, PERSISTENCE AND STUDENT SUCCESS**



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BEST STUDENT EXPERIENCE

This university has been the setting in which I met some truly amazing people. This includes both my peers and my instructors. Many of them remain as friends or mentors in my support network. One of my best experiences has been participating in study abroad programs with some of these exceptional individuals. I have enjoyed the opportunities to visit Amsterdam, England, France, and Ecuador.

MOST CHALLENGING

As a working student my most challenging moments have typically concerned finding a balance between work, school and my personal time. This can be difficult for even the most prepared of individuals but of course things happen. It has made me a more effective communicator, highly organized, and increased my resiliency.

NEXT UP

I will continue my education this fall here at Purdue in a graduate program for Environmental and Ecological Engineering. I am interested in environmental as well as energy law and policy and industrial sustainability. I know Purdue is a great place to conduct this research.

WORDS OF ADVICE

I advise everyone to step outside their comfort zones. This is the perfect environment to do so. Take a class that is purely for your own personal enjoyment, if it fulfills a requirement, great. Join a campus organization and network and collaborate with those who do not share all of your view and opinions. Keep your traditions and practices that serve your best self, but do not be afraid to seek new suggestions from those you meet and trust.

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