

### ***Shannon Newerth, undergraduate with a purpose***

Shannon Newerth will begin her senior year in Plant Science here in the Botany and Plant Pathology department in a few weeks. While most students would be packing up to head back to campus, Shannon will be traveling around the state of Indiana on 'Roadtrip Nation'. She is one of three students selected to participate in the trip that could jump-start their careers and potentially help them and other Hoosier students find jobs after graduation. This is a new initiative Governor Eric Holcomb hopes will connect the state's youth with employers.



Shannon is representing Purdue University on 'Roadtrip Nation'! The students are currently on this road trip (August 2017) and sometime in 2018 they will be featured in a one-hour TV program that will air on PBS. Learn more about the 'Roadtrip Nation' experience by clicking on the links below:

<http://wishtv.com/2017/08/09/roadtrip-indiana-sets-sights-on-jobs-for-students/>

<http://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/36098781/roadtrip-to-spark-career-connections>

Shannon has already had many successes during her time here. She discovered a strain of yeast and it is named after her. She has conducted research her entire time at Purdue and even did research in Australia during her spring 2017 study abroad. She also won Best Undergraduate Poster at the 2016 Mycological Society of America Conference.

<https://ag.purdue.edu/destination/Pages/S16-06SophomoreContinues.aspx>



Check back this later this fall to read about her study abroad experience in Australia!