

Thursday, August 28, 2025

Plenary II

2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Education Talk 1 - **Fostering Global Citizens Through Education, Service Learning and Culture Awareness.**

Dr. Elizabeth Ivy Quansah – Director, Outreach Global, Auburn University Outreach

Dr. Elizabeth I. Quansah from the Office of Outreach Global creates opportunities for global and local engagement, service-learning programs, cultural immersion experiences, and contributions towards community development across the globe. The office provides affordable short-term (1-2 weeks) service-learning experiences to students who cannot afford traditional study abroad programs. It also offers capacity training programs for both domestic and global partners.

Additionally, Outreach Global offers faculty members short-term opportunities abroad for outreach work, community engagement, and research. The Office also brings global experiences to the domestic audience through its annual events such as Global Community Day Festival, Fulbright in the Classroom, and GlobalConnect Camp. These events expose students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the local community to diverse perspectives, culture, history, social awareness, and increase global understanding. The Office of Outreach Global is a unit within University Outreach.

Education Talk 2- **Regional Autism Network**

Dr. Doris Hill - Director, Regional Autism Network, Clinical Professor, College of Education, Auburn University

Maria Guiterrez - Family Navigator, Regional Autism Network, Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation, and Counseling, College of Education, Auburn University

Alabama's RAN serves those who have questions, concerns, or resource needs regarding themselves, a family member, friend, client, patient, or a student with diagnosed or suspected autism spectrum disorder (ASD) across 20 counties-the largest RAN in the state.

The Regional Autism Network provides:

- Professional training programs
- Technical assistance and consultation services
- Individual and direct family assistance in the home, community, and school
- Public education programs

We exist to connect people with ASD, their families, educators, and service providers to the information and/or services that best meet their needs in multiple languages, including Spanish and Korean. We travel to events and provide trainings as needed and meet one on one with individuals to meet their needs.