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**Cherlyn J. Foster
Manager
Smart Manufacturing COE
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Cherlyn has been in her role as Manager, Smart Manufacturing COE since March, 2018. The Smart Manufacturing COE is working across the 13 Global Rolled Products plants to implement physical and digital automation solutions to realize value from the Industrial Internet of Things.

Cherlyn has recently been recognized by Automotive News as one of the top 100 Leading Women in the North American Automotive Industry recognizing her work in leading the Automotive project in Davenport and managing Automotive Sheet production at Davenport and Danville.

Cherlyn began her career with Alcoa in 1998 as a Metallurgical Engineer at Davenport Works. She worked on supporting product and process in various Metallurgical Engineering positions across the plant. In 2004, Cherlyn moved into Production Leadership in Hot Rolling and then progressed into roles in Plate Finishing and Sheet Finishing. Cherlyn relocated to Hutchinson, Kansas in 2010 to become the Operations Manager at Alcoa Aerospace Center, a satellite facility of Davenport Works. Cherlyn returned to Davenport Works in 2012 as the Manager of Automotive Growth & Satellites where she led the on-time start-up of the landmark \$300M Automotive Growth Project in addition to leading the Davenport Satellite locations. In 2014, Cherlyn was promoted to Davenport Works Manufacturing Manager – Finishing & Automotive. In this role, Cherlyn was responsible for the employees and operations in the Plate, Sheet and Danville Departments which finish aluminum plate and sheet to customer requirements, supplying the Aerospace, Industrial, and Automotive markets. In 2016, Cherlyn was promoted to General Manager at the Kawneer Cranberry facility, a part of the Arconic Building and Construction Systems business unit.

Cherlyn has a BS in Materials and Metallurgical Engineering from Colorado School of Mines and an MBA from St. Ambrose University.

Cherlyn was born in Trenton, New Jersey, USA in 1975 and is currently located in the Knoxville, TN area with her husband and two children. Cherlyn is active at work and in the community – she is a member of the Arconic Women's Network Global Steering Committee and United Methodist Women and looks forward to being active with the Girl Scouts of Tennessee. In addition to spending time with her family, Cherlyn enjoys crafts and the great outdoors and hopes to one day fulfil her dream of hiking the Appalachian Trail.