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EDUCATORS LEARN MANUFACTURING SKILLS THROUGH SUMMER PROGRAM

EVANSVILLE, IN - Educators from four Southwestern Indiana counties are preparing for Southwest Indiana Workforce Teacher Manufacturing Bootcamp. 15 selected educators are immersed in five manufacturing facilities over a two-week period to learn the principles of manufacturing and learn about careers within the industry. At the end of the two-weeks, educators are paid a stipend and receive professional growth points for participating.

This summer marks the 10th year for the program. Teacher Bootcamp started in 2015 to offers educators the chance to get an inside look at the many opportunities available to students once they enter the workforce. Educators gain insight and knowledge to share with their students in the classroom to better prepare them for their futures.

Educators chosen for the program are from Gibson, Posey, Warrick, and Vanderburgh counties. For the first time, an educator from Indiana Digital Gateway, an online high school, is participating.

The goals of Teachers Manufacturing Bootcamp is to demonstrate to educators the rewarding careers that are available in manufacturing and break stereotypes that might be associated with a manufacturing career path.

SWIN Workforce Executive Director, Sara Worstell, knows how impactful this program is to the educators who are selected to participate. "This program enlightens our educators about the immense opportunities throughout Southwestern Indiana and helps them better prepare our children and the future workforce," she says.

The two week program kicks off with orientation on Monday June 9 at 7:30 a.m. at Ivy Tech Community College. For the remainder of the program, educators will be inside five different facilities throughout Southwestern Indiana. Those manufacturers include Toyota, Amcor (formerly known as Berry Global), Alcoa, SABIC, and Kaiser Aluminum.

Educators selected to participate will also complete homework assignments, incorporate what they learn into classroom lessons, receive a \$1100 stipend, and earn professional growth credit from the University of Southern Indiana. Ivy Tech Evansville and the University of Southern Indiana share with participants the manufacturing skills related to training programs for each of the respective school.

On June 20, educators will gather to review and present final presentations at Southern Indiana Career and Technology Center (SICTC). The presentations begin at 12 p.m.

Media is invited to attend orientation and final presentations for Teacher Manufacturing Bootcamp.

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