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Thirty teachers from four southwestern Indiana counties have been selected to participate in the Alcoa Foundation Teacher Boot Camp, a new two-week program that will connect educators with the region's manufacturing community.

The teachers, representing Posey, Vanderburgh, Gibson and Warrick Counties, will tour Alcoa, Toyota, SABIC and Berry Plastics locations in those respective locations, learning about the skills that manufacturers require in today's manufacturing environment. They'll also get hands-on training that can be adapted in their classrooms.

Over 50 applications were received for the 30 fellowships available. Winners were selected by a multi-member committee that focused on a submitted essay describing the perception of today's manufacturing careers and the desire to participate in the fellowship program.

The winners of the fellowship include:

Vanderburgh	Warrick	Gibson	Posey
Jordan Kelsey	Jessica Hernandez	Kathy L Hughes	Kyle Jones
Katherine A Heidorn	Alicia Gilkey	John Spradley	Daniel Guthrie
Christine Madden	Patrick Lockyear	Sharla Bloebaum	Kelli Walker
Brian Gmutza	Thomas B. Dahlquist	Alecia Harmon	Sherrie Plouchard
Ryan Preci	Kimberly Gresham	Debra Duvall	
Mandy Hird	Delma Dillman	James B. Beckman	
Megan Wright			
Thuy An Pham			
Karen Ingram			
Janon Khaja-Kelsey			
Julie Trice			
Rick Stippler			
Desiree Wisser			

The fellowship kicks off with an orientation to be held on June 12, 2pm at Innovation Pointe located at 318 Main St, Evansville.

This program is underwritten with a generous grant from the Alcoa Foundation.

Advisory Note: Participants will report their experiences at the upcoming Grow Southwest Indiana Workforce Investment Board meeting on June 26th at Oakland City University's Cornwell-Reed Auditorium beginning at 9:30am.