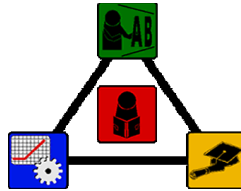


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## VISION Program

### “Why Do I Have To Learn This Stuff?”

Teachers who participate in VISION are given tools to help answer this question that students are always asking.

In operation since 1994, VISION (Vision of Industry and Schools in Ongoing networks) has grown into a total community business/education partnership between twelve businesses, the five Howard County, two Miami County and one Tipton County school corporations as well as Indiana University Kokomo and Ivy Tech.

A teacher/curriculum enhancement program, VISION is designed to help teachers bring relevancy to what they teach by transferring real-world “state-of-the-art” business experiences into classroom instruction. The program begins with a two-week summer session during which teachers, grades 4 through post-secondary, become actively engaged “on-site” in observing the operation and technology functioning in business and industry.

During this same time, they receive instruction in curriculum development from Dr. Julie Saam, Professor of Science Education at IU Kokomo. The teachers are then *required* to translate their business experiences into curricula for presentation in their classrooms. For meeting these criteria, the teachers earn three graduate credits from Indiana University Kokomo. Their tuition is paid and they receive a stipend.

With the completion of the 2007 program, 251 teachers have completed the program and have earned the status of “VISION” Fellow”.

The participating businesses are: Delphi Electronics & Safety, Coca Cola., Duke Energy, EDS, Chrysler LLC, St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo Wastewater treatment Plant, Solidarity Community FCU, Howard Regional Health System, Square D, Shearer Printing & Office Solutions, and Kokomo Grain Co.

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Week of  
Monday, February 25 –  
Friday, February 29  
Spring Semester  
2008

## Highlights

### VISION Program

### “Abraham Lincoln Presentation”

## Division Calendar

### This Week’s Events

Monday, 2/25/2008

Faculty Senate Meeting  
KC 130 AC  
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Wednesday, 2/27/2008

Exploring Teaching Post Meeting  
CuLab  
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Thursday, 2/28/2008

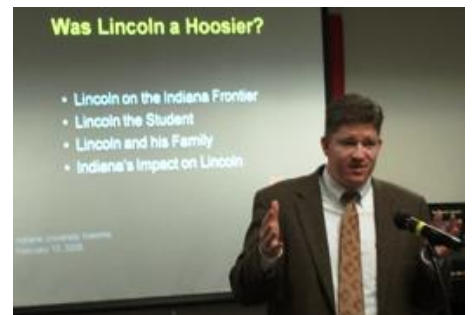
University Student Teacher Supervisors Meeting  
KO 170  
2:15 PM – 4:00 PM

Friday, 2/29/2008

American Shakespeare Center on Tour Presents  
William Shakespeare’s The Taming Of the Shrew  
Havens Auditorium  
10:00 AM

### “Abraham Lincoln Presentation”

Keith Erekson, Presenter



On February 12<sup>th</sup>, a group of faculty, staff, area teachers, and students spent the evening with Keith Erekson, who engaged everyone in an interactive talk about Abraham Lincoln. Through the use of primary sources and a power point presentation, participants became historians trying to determine if Lincoln was a Hoosier.



Review of the formative years Lincoln spent in Indiana and their impact on his life, as the most studied American, answered the question. Yes, our Abraham Lincoln was a Hoosier.

~Margo Sorgman