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T.J. Sullivan, assistant professor of molecular ecology, leads a session at the "Bite of Science" event for area high school science teachers.

IU Kokomo hosts science workshop for area teachers

KOKOMO, Ind. — Indiana University Kokomo supports science education in area schools, providing opportunities for area teachers to exchange ideas with scientists and to network with one another.

The School of Sciences and School of Education co-hosted "A Bite of Science," in conjunction with the Center for Excellence in Education, for 18 north central Indiana high school science teachers.

"It's important for IU Kokomo to be a presence in the community, and to support and nurture science teachers," said Christian Chauret, dean of the School of Sciences. "This event brought the teachers and scientists together to exchange ideas and talk about education and careers in the sciences. It was an excellent opportunity to network with the teachers and to talk about IU Kokomo's programs."

Teachers attended from Kokomo, Logansport, Maconaquah, Mississenewa, Noblesville, Northwestern, Rochester, Taylor, Tipton, and Western school corporations.

The evening included presentations by T.J. Sullivan, assistant professor of molecular ecology, and Pat Carter, engineering manager, prismatic machining, Chrysler Kokomo Transmission Plant.

Sullivan discussed his research in molecular ecology, emphasizing the role undergraduate students play in research on campus. Carter talked about manufacturing challenges, and the need that industry has for people with excellent math and computer skills.

The Center for Excellence in Education, based in Virginia, provides its Teacher Enrichment Programs, including "A Bite of Science," to assure a future talented and diverse U.S. workforce in sciences, technology, engineering, and math. It challenges students to become the creators, inventors, scientists, and leaders of the 21st century.

Indiana University Kokomo serves north central Indiana.

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