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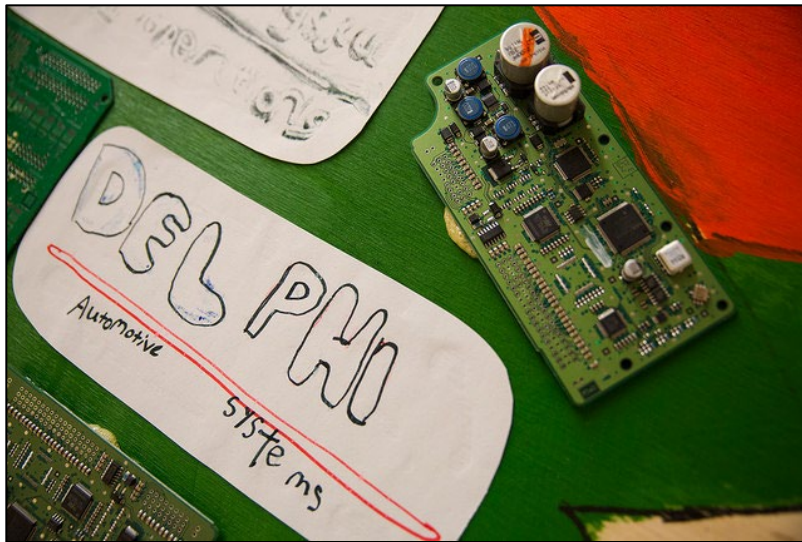
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IU Kokomo celebrates industrial heritage with children's art show

KOKOMO, Ind. — Indiana University Kokomo showcases the area's industrial heritage, with a children's art show.



The *Industrial Art Vignettes* tour, created by students at the Wallace Elementary School of Integrated Arts, features three pieces representing Kokomo Opalescent Glass, General Motors, and Syndicate Sales.

Ashlee Shoaff, IU Kokomo's accessibility

center coordinator and the parent of three Wallace School students, planned the project as a way to combine local history with art.

"I wanted to inspire people to look at the wealth of industry we've had, and envision what we can do next," she said. "What can our community do to inspire innovation? Being the City of Firsts, we can and should lead the way."

Each grade at the fine arts elementary school participated, researching one of the three companies, learning about each one's services and products, value in the local community, and global impact.

“I envisioned helping the children understand the rich industrial heritage in Kokomo, and how it has been important not only to us, but to people worldwide,” Shoaff said.

The companies involved provided supplies, and have displayed the finished projects in their facilities. It also received grant funding from the Tippecanoe Arts Federation and the Indiana Arts Commission.

Indiana University Kokomo serves north central Indiana.

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