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Education Outreach Program Brings together Kokomo School Corporation, Duke Energy and The Educators College at Marian University

INDIANAPOLIS—Kokomo Schools and Marian University have entered into a partnership to recruit and retain teachers, with a focus on minorities. The new outreach program, which is made possible by a grant from Duke Energy, includes five sessions which begin in November and extend into December 2016.

"We appreciate the partnerships with Duke Energy and Marian University as Kokomo Schools continues our efforts to recruit and hire quality teachers for our students," Dave Barnes, Director of Communications for Kokomo Schools, said. "Kokomo Schools also wishes to thank our community partners—Carver Community Center, Refreshing Springs Church of God in Christ, and Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church—for hosting these community forums."

"We are excited to be included as a partner with Kokomo Schools as we help bring awareness and more teachers to support the great leadership provided by Dr. Hauswald," Dr. Kenith Britt, Dean of Marian University's Educators College, said. "We greatly value our relationship with Duke Energy and appreciate their interest in supporting K-12 students in Indiana."

In all sessions, faculty from Marian University's Educators College will meet with Kokomo high school students and potential career changers to provide information about teaching as a career and opportunities available to pursue teacher licensure. "There is nothing more important than having strong teachers in every classroom," Kevin Johnston, Duke Energy Kokomo community relations manager, said. "We support Kokomo Schools and their interests in increasing the population of aspiring teachers and school leaders."

If you are interested in teaching or have questions, please attend one of the following information sessions supported by Duke Energy:

Monday, December 5 at 1:00 p.m.
Kokomo High School
2501 S Berkley Rd, Kokomo, IN 46902

Monday, December 5 at 6:00 pm
Refreshing Springs
3112 Easy Street, Kokomo, IN 46902

Monday, December 12 at 1:00 p.m.
Kokomo High School
2501 S Berkley Rd, Kokomo, IN 46902

Monday, December 12 at 6:00 pm
Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church
1599 E. Sycamore Street, Kokomo, IN

About Marian University Indianapolis

Marian University (www.marian.edu), founded in Indianapolis in 1937, is the only Catholic liberal arts university in central Indiana. It serves a student body of nearly 3,000 through dedication to excellent teaching and learning in the Franciscan and liberal arts traditions. Marian University is one of Indiana's 31 independent colleges and one of 244 Catholic colleges and universities nationwide. Since 2001, Marian University has been led by President Daniel J. Elsener, whose vision and leadership are transforming the university. In 2013, Marian University opened the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences, home to its College of Osteopathic Medicine. Marian University has amassed 35 national championships in cycling, captured the NAIA Football National Championship in 2012 and 2015, and won the NAIA Women's Basketball Championship in 2016.