EconVersations is a free-to-you dinner and workshop series for middle and high school educators. This program is applicable to teachers, school administrators, and guidance staff. Registration includes dinner, informal networking time with each other and members of the Purdue Center for Economic Education, a presentation by an expert guest speaker, plus information resources, lessons, and ideas for activities from our teacher advocate that can be put to use in the classroom right away. Two (2) PGPs will be awarded.

First, Dr. Robert Nida will speak on how new opportunities in Indiana manufacturing are affecting the Indiana economy and its need for skilled workers. Recently retired from the Purdue IN-MaC: Indiana Next Generation Manufacturing Effectiveness Center as the Director of Education and Workforce Development, and former Corporate VP of Organizational Development at Wabash National Corp., Dr. Nida has a wealth of knowledge to share about the future of manufacturing in Indiana. He'll offer insights into how today's students can prepare themselves for high paying manufacturing-related careers, many of which do not even exist today, with the right combination of education and experience.

Emily Vanderwall, PCEE’s teacher advocate for secondary education, and middle-school teacher at Lafayette Christian School, will demonstrate lessons that you can use with your students to illustrate the value of human capital. You will learn new ways to help your students understand the lifelong value of education, training, and specialized skills, as they explore their own pathways to career success.

This promises to be an information-packed program! EconVersations is offered at no cost to educators, but space is limited and advance registration is required by Noon on Monday, April 30. To sign-up, visit www.krannert.purdue.edu/pcee and click on “Register for Programs.” If you have any questions or need assistance, email pcee@purdue.edu or call 765-494-7336.

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