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Weld-A-Thon sponsors High School competition

High school students from throughout the region will converge Feb. 11 on Rogue Community College’s Welding Technology Department for this year’s Weld-A-Thon competition.

Sponsored by RCC’s 2+2 Early College Credit program and held on the RCC Redwood Campus, Grants Pass, the event will involve students from high schools in Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties. The RCC welding program and local high school welding teachers work together to present the annual event.

This year’s competition categories are in shielded metal arc, gas metal arc, gas tungsten arc and oxyacetelyne. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the winners.

“We are excited that Weld-A-Thon participants not only compete but have a chance to meet members of the welding industry and see Rogue’s excellent program,” said Patti Kramer, 2+2 Early College Credit coordinator.

“Having industry representatives who function as judges and talk to the students about what it's really like to work in the field really makes an impression on the students,” added Jim Hamilton, RCC Welding Department coordinator. Students learn the value of education, how it impacts their future plans, and how it applies to the welding occupation, he said.

Weld-A-Thon Schedule:
Friday, February 11, RCC Redwood Campus, Grants Pass, “Y” Building

8-8:30 a.m. Registration, Y Building
8:30-11:30 a.m. Welding contests, Y Building
11:45-12:30 p.m. Lunch
12:30-1:15 p.m. Awards ceremony

More information is available by calling Patti Kramer, 245-7710 or Brad Ross, 245-7980.

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