RCC Weld-A-Thon gives high schoolers chance to prove their mettle

High school students from throughout the region will test their welding skills and meet with industry leaders March 17 during Rogue Community College’s annual Weld-A-Thon competition.

RCC’s 2+2 Early College Credit program sponsors the event, which will take place at Redwood Campus in Grants Pass and will involve students from Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties. RCC’s Welding Technology Department and local high school welding teachers work together to hold Weld-A-Thon.

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

“Weld-A-Thon participants not only compete but also have a chance to meet members of the welding industry and see Rogue’s excellent program,” said Jim Hamilton, RCC Welding Department coordinator. “Having industry representatives who function as judges and talk to the students about what it's really like to work in the field definitely makes an impression on the students,” he said. Students learn the value of education, how it impacts their future plans, and how it applies professionally to welding occupation.

Weld-A-Thon Schedule
Date: March 17
Location: RCC Redwood Campus, Y Building 3345 Redwood Hwy., Grants Pass.
Time:
- 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

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