American Welding Society Celebrates National Welding Month

The Month of April Spotlights Welding Industry Careers and Businesses

Miami, FL, March 23, 2020: Welding careers play an integral role in keeping people safe and advancing the quality of life across the globe, yet participation in welding and other skilled trades continues to decrease. Since 1996, the American Welding Society has designated the month of April as National Welding Month to bring awareness to the welding industry and its available career paths. The welding community is vast, and AWS is dedicated to supporting the industry technicians and professionals that build the structures and products on which our economy depends.

Shipyards, automotive and appliance assembly plants, pipelines, construction sites and other jobsites worldwide employ hundreds of thousands of welding professionals, including welding technicians, inspectors, supervisors, engineers, manufacturers, distributors, sales, educators, committee volunteers and students.

“National Welding Month is an annual opportunity for the welding profession to show the world that we are more than torches and sparks,” said Stephanie Hoffman-Wedding, Program Manager Workforce Development, for the AWS Foundation. “Welders have to understand shop mechanics, blueprint reading, mechanical drawing, physics, chemistry, and metallurgy. The more technological advances our industry undergoes, the more skills and knowledge we need to do our jobs successfully.” Please join the American Welding Society as we celebrate National Welding Month to promote and celebrate welding and other skilled trades. Here are some ways to get involved with #NWM2020:

- Join AWS social media promotions by sharing pictures and video of your welds, artwork and other work products, then share it using the hashtag #NWM2020, tagging @americanweldingsociety or emailing social@aws.org.
- Share your story with us by tagging @americanweldingsociety and using the hashtag #MyWeldingStory for a chance to be featured on our social pages.
- Every welder has a story to tell; strike up a conversation with someone who knows nothing about welding. It may improve their attitude toward our industry.
- This month is a great time to reach out to take an active role in the development of a welding student or newcomer at your business.
- Do the kids in your neighborhood need a constructive way to spend their weekends? Sign them up for the Scouts and help them get a merit badge in welding.

For more information about #NWM2020, visit aws.org/nwm2020.

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About AWS: The American Welding Society (AWS) was founded in 1919 as a multifaceted, nonprofit organization with a mission to advance the science, technology, and application of welding and allied joining and cutting processes worldwide, including brazing, soldering, and thermal spraying. Headquartered in Miami, Florida, and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS serves 70,000 members worldwide and is composed of 22 Districts with 250 Sections and Student Chapters. For more information, visit the Society’s website at http://www.aws.org.

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