



American Welding Society and Rhoads Industries High School Welding Competition: Challenging the Next Generation of Skilled Workers

Philadelphia, PA, March 19, 2018 – The American Welding Society (AWS) and Rhoads Industries (Rhoads) will host students from high schools across the five-county Philadelphia region to compete in a shielded metal arch weld (SMAW) competition on Saturday, March 23, 2019 in Philadelphia, PA.

The participating schools will elect a top-standing student to represent their high school at this regional competition. The chosen students will participate in a competition designed to test their ability and proficiency to employ specific welding processes. This competition will award gold, silver and bronze prizes to the top three participants, and the grand prize winner will receive a \$2,500 scholarship. All competitors will walk away with welding gear and valuable experience.

The need to support and develop the next generation of skilled welders is a primary concern for industrial manufacturers like Rhoads, and the emphasis on local workforce development has never been greater.

Dan Rhoads, owner and CEO of Rhoads, stated, “We are excited to partner with the AWS in hosting and sponsoring this competition, as it highlights some of the valuable trade skills needed in America in order to continue to our nation’s position as a leader in industrial manufacturing innovation and production.”

Rhoads is hosting this event at its training facility at 1901 Kitty Hawk Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19112 (Building 68). The event opens for registration at 7:15AM and the competition starts at 8:00AM. The judging and naming of the winners should conclude around 3:30PM. This open-house-style event is open to all students, their families, industry mentors and the community.

About Rhoads Industries, Inc.

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