



**National  
Welding Month**

Dear Agriculture / CTE / Welding Instructor,

The St. Louis Section of the American Welding Society (AWS STL) would like to invite you to nominate one of your currently enrolled welding students to be recognized as an outstanding welding student. The AWS STL annually takes this opportunity to acknowledge the area's top students at our student night held in April. We are inviting each of you to select one student from your welding courses as your most outstanding welding student of the year. How this student is selected, each year is determined by each school, some will have a welding competition and others will choose the student who has taken the time to help other students. The AWS STL board members feel that selecting one outstanding student from each program will help to promote student involvement and participation in your welding courses and in the American Welding Society.

This is a great opportunity to see one student from each of our schools recognized for their achievements. You will have the opportunity to introduce your student, but please limit your comments to two or three minutes. The student is not expected to talk but will have their picture taken with their instructor and the section chairperson. A group picture of all outstanding students will be submitted to The Welding Journal for publication.

Please honor your outstanding student by taking some time to think about your students and selecting one to be honored along with others from around the area. Feel free to set the criteria for winning this honor in accordance with your own particular situation. Once you have made your decision, please submit the students full name to Travis Jumper at [tjumper@lc.edu](mailto:tjumper@lc.edu), **NO LATER THAN, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

This year, we will have the panel of Union Representatives talking about career opportunities. We encourage each student to invite their family members to share in their accomplishment. Food will be provided, complements of AWS STL.

**We ask you RSVP with Travis Jumper by April 17<sup>th</sup> with the number of people attending.**

Event Date: Thursday April 24th, 2025

Event Time: 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Location: ***Ranken Technical College – St. Louis***  
***4431 Finney Ave, St. Louis Mo 63113***

We would also like to extend a special invitation to administrators, family, and friends of the nominated students. It is very important that we receive your nominated students name and the approximate number of people attending by April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you and your students at student night.

Sincerely,  
Tom Medina  
AWS - St. Louis Section Chairman