

"I STARTED WELDING MY SOPHOMORE YEAR AND HAVE DONE IT EVERY SEMESTER SINCE THEN. I DIDN'T KNOW A SINGLE THING ABOUT IT UNTIL I TOOK THE CLASS. MY DAD ENCOURAGED ME TO GIVE IT A TRY, AND I LIKED IT AND KEPT GOING WITH IT. I CAN WORK INDEPENDENTLY AND DO MY OWN THING, WITH MR. RUDZINSKY COACHING ME ON WHAT TO DO AND HOW DO IT BETTER. LEARNING TO WELD HAS SHOWN ME THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO COLLEGE TO BE SUCCESSFUL. IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO DO AND YOU LIKE BEING OUTSIDE OR WORKING INDEPENDENTLY, WELDING CAN BE A GOOD CAREER CHOICE."



DAVID IS BEING RECOGNIZED FOR HIS DEDICATION TO CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

- David is building a foundation for success by learning a wide variety of welding skills, including pipe welding. He has taken NCCER Welding 1, 2, and 3 and is currently enrolled in NCCER Welding 4.
- Mr. Rudzinksy, the welding instructor, describes David as a hard worker and a great welder, one who is the first in class every day and the last to leave, welding from start to finish.
- David plans a career traveling as a turnaround welder, where he looks forward to seeing the country and the world while welding in the field.