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We're Welding!

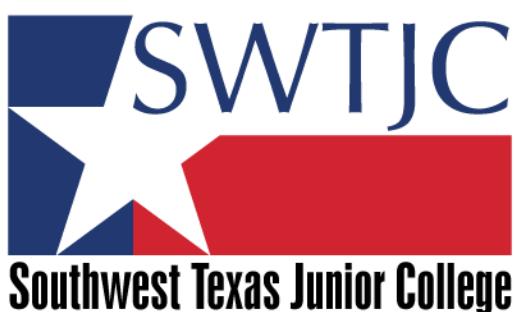
August 24, 2020 at 5PM was our first day of welding classes. We have eight (8) students enrolled for our Fall of 2020 welding class, taking place at the James W. Danner, Sr. Annex. Classes are taught by Southwest Texas Junior College. City of Hondo and SWTJC staff are enforcing all social distancing, masks must be worn, series of questions are asked, and temperatures are taken before entering the class.



Online Only!

SWTJC's fall semester began Monday, Aug. 24, with classes looking different than usual. College administration decided in July to move all Fall 2020 academic and some technical program courses to be offered virtually or remotely via Zoom, Microsoft Teams, or Canvas Conference.

The programs approved thus far include Welding in Hondo. SWTJC continues to enhance protocols to protect students and staff required to be on campus to complete technical program lab hour requirements.



Arc into the Future Scholarship

The welding industry field is an essential and fulfilling profession, and the demand for this trade is strong and getting stronger. The U.S. Department of Labor forecasts healthy growth in the neighborhood of 8 to 9 percent over the next decade. Jobs associated with building, rebuilding roads, bridges, water, and the power grid are expected to grow by double-digit percentages. Career's in engineering, welding, and associated fields is a financial demand. That's why Microsoft and the City of Hondo is offering a one-time \$2000 scholarship to students working toward their goal of becoming a welder. Currently, we have five (5) recipients of the Arc into the Future Scholarship: **Juan Gonzalez, Lorena Gonzales, Cannon Jacob Haywood, Gabriel Lopez, and Ruben Sanchez**. Congratulations to our winners!

Goya Gives Back

Goya Foods, the largest Hispanic-owned food company in The United States, is proud to distribute much needed nourishing food to families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to the Medina County Food Pantry in the town of Hondo, Texas. This donation is part of Goya's national campaign Working for Our Country #GoyaGives that includes a donation of two million pounds of food to communities throughout the U.S., a commitment made by Goya in tribute to the dedication and hard work of 4,000 Goya employees.



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City of Hondo Offices will
be closed on Monday,
September 7, 2020 in
observance of Labor Day