

News Release



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Canadian Welding Association to hold Industry/Education Forum III

CWA will hold its third Industry/Education Forum on April 9, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, S. Service Road, Burlington to report on having raised over \$300,000 for High School Welding Programs

HAMILTON, ONTARIO, MEDIA ADVISORY--(Marketwire - March 19, 2008) - The Canadian Welding Association's Hamilton and Region Chapter will host its third annual Industry/Education Forum to bring industry and education professionals together to assist High School Welding Programs. During the last two years, the Chapter has raised over \$300,000 in training, equipment, supplies and financial assistance for thirty schools from Burlington, Hamilton, Brantford and the Niagara Peninsula. Over 2000 students participate in the area's welding programs. Many schools have seen an increase in enrolment in welding programs and some have a waiting list.

High school welding projects will be showcased. CWA will award one welding helmet to each school presenting a special project that demonstrates at least two welding processes. One \$100 gift card will be donated to each participating school to be awarded to the student with the highest welding proficiency at their graduation ceremony.

Presenters will be:

- Dave Franklin, a welding teacher at Beamsville High School, who will speak on behalf of area teachers about their activities.
- Gail Smyth, Executive Director of Skills Canada - Ontario, a not-for-profit organization that promotes careers in skilled trades to youth in Ontario, will reflect on the Ontario Technological Skills Competition with action photos of the competition and the competitors.
- Karsten Madsen, Program Coordinator of Welding Trades and Apprenticeship Programs at Conestoga College, will provide an overview of careers in the welding industry - Welder, Inspector, Technologist and Engineer - and various education paths at colleges, universities and private schools to prepare for those careers.
- Dan Tadic of Praxair, and Past Chapter Chair, will make a brief presentation on welding career path choices for today's student and acknowledge the many donors that have made significant contributions for the success of this initiative.

To register: Contact CWA's national office at 905-848-9838, by fax at 905-848-8499, or email to national@cwa-accs.org. A registration form is available at www.cwa-accs.org. Registration starts at 5:00 p.m., dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and the presentations are at 7:00 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$40. A complete list of contributors can be viewed at www.cwa-accs.org.