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CWA 11th Annual Weld-Off
Draws Students From Across
The Atlantic Provinces

The 11th annual CWA Student Weld-Off was held on April 9, 2010, at New Brunswick Community College – Moncton Campus. 20 participants competed in this one day event, coming from Moncton, St. Andrews, St. John, Woodstock (NB), Pictou, Yarmouth, Port Hawkesbury, Sydney, Dartmouth, Holland College - Georgetown (PEI), and Port aux Basques NFL. This was the largest Weld-Off competition so far.

The competition started at 8:00 AM with an overview of the shop OH&S procedures followed by the rules for the hands on competition. Following that the participants got right into the project. All competitors constructed the same projects in a set amount of time.

After the completion of the practical project, the students wrote a theory exam to test their knowledge of welding theory.

The projects were evaluated by Industry Professionals for assembly, weld quality, accuracy, and safe work practices.



Participants Getting Ready to Start Their Projects



Left is Stephen Lockhard (NBCC Woodstock Campus) checking his drawing. On the right, Benjamin Wells (Port aux Basques Campus) laying down another bead.



Checking out the final projects.



Mellisa Lanteigne from NBCC, Moncton, pictured above between John Fisher from NBCC – Moncton (left) and Fernand Boivin from the Canadian Welding Association, Nova Scotia Chapter (right) was winner of the Canadian Welding Association student bursary award.



The top three finishers in the competition. Pictured from left to right are John Fisher from NBCC - Moncton; Mellisa Lanteigne from NBCC, Moncton, in second place; Charles Richards from Holland College in first place; and Jeff Graham from NBCC, St John Campus in third place; Fernand Boivin from the Canadian Welding Association, Nova Scotia Chapter.

Charles is the first winner of the Weld-Off to defend his win from last year, making this two years in a row. Congratulations Charles.

All competitors received prizes and student memberships to the CWA. The Weld-Off trophy is going to the Holland College.

Special thanks have to go out to many people.

The Weld-Off Committee: Fernand Boivin (Event Co-Chair), John Fisher, and many others.

The judges: Guy Leblanc, Peter Ryan, Gary Copeland, and Ed Leblanc.

New Brunswick Community College, Moncton Campus for the use of their facility. Special thanks to Darren Rose, Principal; Al DeWitt, Department Chair; faculty members John MacLean and Louis Leblanc.

And to our many sponsors, of which there are too many to name.

Looking forward to see you all next year.

Fernand Boivin
NS Chapter Co-Chair