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Ferris Welding Prepares for Annual Competition

BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University’s Welding Engineering Technology program will again be hosting high school students from around the State in a welding competition. This Friday, May 8, 2009, 130 students from 32 schools will be inside the Swan Building Welding Lab to compete in five categories: combined welding, gas metal arc welding, gas tungsten arc welding, oxy fuel welding and shielded metal arc welding. Winners receive scholarships and awards.

Welding Engineering Technology Department Chair, Jeff Carney said since its inception seven years ago, high school students have won more than \$25,000 in scholarships to attend Ferris State University. “There have been 49 participants that have enrolled in Welding Technology degree,” added Carney.

The day-long competition is not just for the students. Instructors from the participating schools will attend a technical training seminar and leave with educational materials to use in their instruction.

Ken Kuk, Welding Engineering Technology professor, attributes continued success to providing a positive experience for both the students and instructor alike. “The instructors and students continue to tell us how much they enjoy the event.”

For more information on this year’s event or Ferris’ Welding Engineering Technology

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