



**PRESS RELEASE: American Welding Society President Visits Ferris State University**

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Included below is a press release regarding the recent visit of John Mendoza, president of the American Welding Society, to the Ferris State University campus to tour facilities and speak to students, faculty and staff. Any questions about this release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, interim assistant director of News Services. Attached is a photo.



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BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University welcomed John Mendoza, president of the American Welding Society, to campus to showcase its welding programs and have him speak to students, faculty and staff in the College of Engineering Technology on Sept. 6.

Mendoza was accompanied by his wife, Nora; Don DeCorte, AWS district director-at-large; and his wife, Patty, during the trip to Ferris. As part of the visit, Mendoza conducted a presentation on welding certification for approximately 125 Ferris welding students. At the conclusion of his presentation, the AWS president and his guests were taken on a tour of the university's welding facilities.

Also present during Mendoza's presentation were Fritz Erickson, Ferris' provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, along with Dave Snider and Eric Young, members of the Welding Program Advisory Board.

Mendoza is the third AWS president to visit Ferris.

The American Welding Society was founded in 1919 as a multifaceted, nonprofit organization with a goal to advance the science, technology and application of welding and related joining disciplines. From factory floor to high-rise construction, from military weaponry to home products, AWS continues to lead the way in supporting welding education and technology development to ensure a strong, competitive and exciting way of life for all Americans. AWS membership stands at more than 68,000 people worldwide.

To learn more about the American Welding Society, visit:

<http://www.aws.org/w/a/>

To learn more about Ferris' welding program, visit:

<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/colleges/technolo/design-mfg/welding/homepage.htm>

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