



February 12, 2024

Dear FFA Advisor or Welding Instructor,

Black Hawk College is excited to announce the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual T-Joint Fillet Weld Invitational, sponsored by Martin Engineering. The T-Joint Fillet Weld Invitational will be on Friday, April 12, 2024, at the Welding and Skilled Trades Center in Kewanee, Illinois. A luncheon and awards ceremony will conclude the event at the Community Education Center, adjacent to the Welding and Skilled Trades Center. Tours of Martin Engineering in Neponset, IL, are available to participants following the event.

The event aims to provide a competitive welding contest in a state-of-the-art facility, allowing your students to test their skills. The competition will be conducted by Patrick Ericson and Jason Grice, Black Hawk College Welding instructors, who combined have over 30 years of experience in the welding industry and twenty-five years of teaching experience at Black Hawk College.

The contest will be conducted in groups, with the first group starting at 9:00 a.m.; schools will be assigned a group and arrival time by email once registration closes. The competition is limited to the first 50 students registering. Schools are encouraged to bring a team or individuals to compete. A team consists of five members, with the top three individual scores counting toward the overall team score. We are limiting schools to two teams per school unless additional slots are available once registration closes. Please let me know if you are interested in adding additional teams to a waitlist.

**Please submit your registration online at [www.bhc.edu/weldinginvitational](http://www.bhc.edu/weldinginvitational) by Friday, March 29, 2024.** The contest rules are attached for your reference. If you have questions about the contest, please contact me at [gricej@bhc.edu](mailto:gricej@bhc.edu) or (309) 854-1839.

I look forward to seeing you and your students on April 12<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

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