



February 13, 2023

Dear FFA Advisor or Welding Instructor,

Black Hawk College is excited to announce the 5th Annual T-Joint Fillet Weld Invitational, sponsored by Martin Engineering. The T-Joint Fillet Weld Invitational will be Friday, April 21, 2023, at the Welding and Skilled Trades Center in Kewanee, Illinois. An Awards Ceremony to recognize the top three teams and top ten overall individuals will follow on April 25, 2023, at Martin Engineering in Neponset, Illinois, at 12:30 p.m.

The event aims to provide a competitive welding contest in a state-of-the-art welding facility that will allow your students to test their skills. The competition will be conducted by Patrick Ericson, a Black Hawk College Welding instructor with over 30 years of experience in the welding industry and eight years of teaching experience at Black Hawk College.

Last year, we conducted the competition in groups, and it worked well. We plan to use that format again this year. Schools will be assigned a group and arrival time by email once registration closes.

The contest 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.

Please submit your registration online at www.bhc.edu/weldinginvitational by Friday, April 14, 2023. The contest rules are attached for your reference. If you have questions about the contest, please contact me at gricej@bhc.edu or (309) 854-1839.

I look forward to seeing you and your students on April 21st!

Sincerely,

Jason Grice
Ag Department Co-Chair