

We are Maple Mountain High School. The welding program at our school has inspired many people to go to college and to become welding professionals. With your help we can continue this legacy of welding excellence.

Every year we have 100 sophomore and juniors try welding as an elective. Nate Wright was one of those students. He says, "before this my only encounter with welding was that I knew a guy who had built a ski rail, and I I looked at that guy and said to myself I want the power to build what I want." He took an Intro to Welding class and was hooked. He ate, drank, and slept welding. He even got a summer job welding and he loved it. He is now planning on going to go to college to become a welding and fabrication engineer. He said "welding has changed my life, I know now what I'm going to do and how to get there!"

Our welding program is not focused on certain scores, rather we are focused on empowering the student to do their best. Since our school was established we have had a great instructor, Mr.Massic. He has a saying "Is that your best, or can you do better?" You would be amazed by how many students have been motivated to improve, and can improve, when challenged. Because we have focused on bringing out the best in every student, we have had a fabrication team go to SkillsUSA Nationals several times. From our welding program we have had many students go straight into the workforce, or to college with scholarships.

We need Esab equipment not because we are struggling as a program but rather to empower more students to go after their dreams, go to college, and to provide for their families by welding. If you share your equipment with us we will be able to give students more actual weld time, instead of waiting on other classmates to finish using the only machines we have available. We will be able to inspire more of the next generation of welders to go into welding as a rewarding profession. ESAB you are helping build the future of welding with this equipment. Let us show you that we are capable of utilizing your world class welding equipment in your fabrication contest.

“I failed every class my sophomore year in high School and and then I found welding”. The young man who quotes this is now the USA WorldSkills welding champion, and soon he will be representing the U.S. in the WorldSkills Championships in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Awesome mentorship has lead him down this successful path. It’s amazing the power that a great teacher can wield in the life of his/her students. Maple Mountain High School (MMHS) has an awesome welding program. The MMHS welding program has been under the instruction of Jared Massic. MMHS has won district, State and National competitions. Any resources gifted to MMHS would be wisely used to improve the program and attract even more students to the field of welding and thus change more lives. Below, ESAB will see why MMHS should be selected as a semi-finalist to compete in the Phase 2 of the contest—metal fabrication contest.

MMHS has a top notch welding program due to their committed instructor, Jared Massic. Over the past 5 years, the MMHS welding fabrication team has medaled at the SkillsUSA State competition and has gone to the National SkillsUSA competition. His team took fourth nationally four years ago, and third in each of the last two years. This year the welding fabrication team won GOLD! In order to make State and National champions, Massic goes above and beyond the call of duty. He puts countless, volunteer hours in preparing these welders for the stiff competition they will face.

Some students may enroll in a trade class hoping it will be an easy grade; this won’t happen in Massic’s welding program. He has high expectations and sets a high bar. He not only expects his students to bring their best work forward, he’s very hands-on. As one student said, “If I get stuck he will always teach me how do do something. He’s never in his office checked out.” Along with Massic’s high expectations, he can also relate to his students with a youthful and humourous approach.

The MMHS welding shop is serious but welcoming. Massic is a mentor to all his students and he is fundamentally more concerned about their moral and character development than anything else. He uses welding as a way to prepare his students for the real world. A parent has said this about Massic, “He is a stellar man of character and great talent in teaching youth. Our sons have become better men because of his gifted mentoring.”

The American Welding Society predicts that there will be a job deficit of 290,000 welders by 2020. Programs like the MMHS welding program will help fill this skills gap, but more important than that, his gap will be filled with young adults that understand good character and have a great work ethic. The MMHS welding program is a perfect example of “WeldItForward”. MMHS will use any resources that are gifted to our program to build great character and great welders! Citations

<http://thecareerhacker.com/2015/07/20/why-welding-is-a-career-choice-worth-considering/>

Several years ago Maple Mountain High School, inspired by an education meeting with an AWS Education presenter, heard of what seemed to be an awesome opportunity. The topic in discussion was about how you can promote your welding program and obtain more community involvement. MMHS was only a few years old then, and the instructor, Mr. Massic, was looking for a way to develop a sense of belonging with those in this new community. The idea presented was something this AWS presenter had heard another teacher do in a different state and their program began to pick up more and more support. "Have your students do repair work for the community"

The discussion continued that this activity could be used also as a way to earn funds for different events or needs of the program. Charging for just material cost and what the patron felt they could contribute could bring in several community members to see what the program has to offer. The idea of this always seemed like a positive one that Mr. Massic wanted to try, but was hesitant that he could help the students pull off such an event. He solicited the help of his current students to get the idea across, the students were eager to help plan an event where they could get involved with those around the area and showcase their skills.

Soon the First annual "Fix It Saturday" was finally pulled off. Their welding fabrication team was heading to a national contest and had to fund the whole trip on their own. People signed up early, the students worked on promoting it, and the event was well attended. Several trailers, lawn and garden items, and house wares were fixed that day. Though the event was meant to gain community support and bring awareness about the program, something else happened. The students themselves were starting to pick up on something. Confidence. Enthusiasm. Work Ethic. The students were gaining a sense of pride for their abilities to actually put this new skill of theirs to work. They also saw their own potential in making this skill work for them. It was showing them a future with this skill.

Since this time the event is held every spring and the program has community members who rely on this service yearly. They come back over and over to get items fixed, repaired, or even fabricated from scratch because they don't have the means to, and they want to support the welders in the skill that they are practicing in. Every year we hold this Saturday event more students gain the confidence they need to continue on with this line of work. Some of these students continue on to higher level degrees while others jump right into the local workforce.

ESAB we feel that with the addition of your equipment we can make a bigger difference in our community. More machines, means we can help more community members and students at the same time.