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ESAB Weld It Forward,

We are the Wolverine Welding Club of San Bernardino Valley College. We strongly believe that it is our duty to reach out and give back to our community. Because of this, we have had great accomplishments both individually and as a club including: participating in annual school supply drives for a local elementary school, holding food can drives for local community centers, feeding the homeless, and competing in SkillsUSA Welding Competitions. Our club members brought back gold, silver, and bronze at the regional level, and silver at state level for this year's SkillsUSA competitions. These successes have shaped us and our community positively.

Other students have also been motivated by our success as we ensure a positive and supportive atmosphere for all students. Our club has also reached out to the local high schools and elementary schools as well. We believe it is never too soon to show young students that these applied technology fields of study should be considered and are rewarding options when thinking of career paths. We have positively shown the value of a technical education that our community college can offer. As we do this, we constantly promote our technical department that seems to be hidden in the shadows of our campus. We like to believe that our club has been a factor in helping bring it to light.

Through our accomplishments, we have made our department known. This has encouraged more females to not only join our club, but also consider welding as a profession. The welding club has given everyone the opportunity to gain experience in a career that is in high demand.

Our technical department has significantly improved throughout the last several years. We would especially like to dedicate these improvements to the love and perseverance of our previous advisor Daniel Comisky. "Thanks Dan, what you have done for us will never be forgotten". Dan was one of the professors that cared about each of us and our success. He was extremely dedicated to welding and teaching. The time he invested in us shaped us to become better welders and better people. He showed us that the hard work we put in will pay off. Dan unfortunately passed away this summer. May he rest in peace.

We would like to continue his legacy by applying for the ESAB Weld It Forward. The opportunity to work with better equipment would be a major boost to our school's welding program. We feel that we should receive this scholarship because it would help not only our students, but the welding program itself. Although we are only a small part of the campus, we can make a huge difference in our community and prepare others in careers with the right tools to succeed and become skilled welders.