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Included below is a press release announcing the annual welding competition that will be hosted at Ferris State University. The event is being hosted by the College of Engineering Technology's Welding Engineering Technology program. The event features \$40,000 in scholarships earmarked to be awarded as part of the annual competition. The competition will be hosted on Friday, May 9 in Big Rapids. Any media requests regarding this release can be directed to Sandy Gholston, News Services and Social Media Manager.

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<http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/news/archive/2014/may/welding.htm>

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Ferris to Host Welding Competition for High School Students

BIG RAPIDS – Ferris State University's Welding Engineering Technology program will be hosting the 12th Annual State Secondary Welding Competition which will be held on Friday, May 9 in Ferris' Welding lab in the Swan Building.

The annual competition welcomes students from across the state of Michigan. Competing schools may bring one competitor for each of the five welding categories. The students begin arriving at 8 a.m. and the welding commences at 9 a.m. in the welding lab. Welding faculty anticipate record attendance. Currently, 176 from 38 schools are registered for Friday's competition.

The awards ceremony will follow at 2:30 p.m. in Science Building, Room 102. The Welding Engineering Technology Program has more than \$40,000 in scholarships and prizes earmarked to be given away to the student competitors.

Welding Engineering Technology faculty will judge the competition. Additionally, more than 40 Ferris welding students will help facilitate the event. The event also includes a continuing education seminar for teachers attending with the visiting students.

Visiting students will enjoy a complimentary lunch at The Rock Café throughout the day – during periods when the students are not engaged in competition.

Jeff Hardesty, a Welding associate professor and the program coordinator noted that “Many Ferris students, as well as high school welding teachers and professionals, were previous competitors in this event.”

For more information about Welding Engineering Technology, visit:

<http://www.ferris.edu/welding/>

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