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Stanwood High School Teacher Recognized by American Welding Society

Darryl Main Receives Howard E. Adkins Memorial Instructor Membership Award

MIAMI, FL., June 18, 2009 – Stanwood High School agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor, Darryl Main has been awarded the 2009 Howard E. Adkins Memorial Instructor Membership Award from the American Welding Society (AWS).

The award recognizes high school, trade school, technical institute or junior college instructors whose teaching activities are considered to have advanced the knowledge of welding to students in their respective schools.

With over 21 years experience as an instructor at Stanwood High School, Main has excelled the school's welding program to prepare students for the job market by having their skills be based on the industry standards. He's done this through improving school curriculum, skill requirements and equipment purchases. Currently several of his students are receiving up to 30 welding college course credits from Everett Community College.

“My goal and the goal of Stanwood High School is to give students the best opportunity to achieve skills and knowledge to prepare them for life after high school no matter what endeavor they wish to pursue,” said Main. “And so to be recognized by the American Welding Society with the Howard E. Adkins Memorial Instructor Membership Award for making sure that my students are successful in the future is just an honor.”

Main, who helped his students start an American Welding Society student chapter four years ago, has a bachelor of science degree in Agricultural Education and a minor in Agriculture Mechanics. He also has a master's degree and a Career and Technical Education administrator's endorsement.

Main will receive a two-year membership in the American Welding Society and free registration to attend the annual AWS show and all technical sessions in 2009. He will also be presented with a certificate at the annual Awards Luncheon during the AWS show in Chicago, IL in November.

About AWS

The American Welding Society (AWS) was founded in 1919 as a multifaceted, nonprofit organization with a mission to advance the science, technology and application of welding and allied joining and cutting processes including brazing, soldering, and thermal spraying. Headquartered in Miami, Florida, and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS serves more than 50,000 members worldwide and is composed of 22 Districts with 250 Sections and student chapters. For more information, visit the society's website at <http://www.aws.org> and click on "Pressroom."

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