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Advanced Welding class receives donation from Fluor

Last week at the John M. Stuart Career Center students in Mr. John Membreno's Advanced Welding class were surprised by the delivery of \$3,846.00 in supplies and machinery.

This was the second donation presented by Barbara Jones and Rhonda Glover of Fluor, who began a partnership with the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program in the fall of 2013.

This donation from AMECO, a wholly owned subsidiary of Fluor, consisted of grinding discs, wire wheels, plate steel sheets, pipe, electro rods, and a Miller welding machine valued at nearly \$4,000. The donation of the machine and materials will be used to help prepare students to enter the high-demand, high-wage, hightech field of welding. "The oil and natural gas fields are booming right now and because of this, welders are in high demand. Thanks to Fluor's commitment to our partnership, I can better prepare my students using the latest welding machine technology," said Membreno.

In addition to the donation made to GCCISD, representatives Barbara Jones, Rhonda Glover and Steve Jones of Fluor have made multiple visits to Stuart Career Center to mentor students, and discuss opportunities for graduating seniors at Flour and other companies along the Gulf Coast. Melissa Botkin, GCCISD's Student Workforce Connection Liaison commented, "We value insight from industry as we strive to continuously improve our CTE program; the equipment and materials donated to Goose Creek CISD ensures our students will gain relevant, hands on experience.

Possessing the knowledge and capability to understand the depth and breadth of the welding and construction industry, coupled with partnership driven NCCER and American Welding Society (AWS) suggested certifications will ensure our students have a competitive workforce edge and the capacity to pursue their career goals at an accelerated rate compared to their peers.



AMECO, a division of Fluor, donates equipment, including a Miller welding machine, to Stuart Career Center. Pictured are Norma Alvarado, Goose Creek Memorial High School 12th grader; Chris Villarreal, Ross S. Sterling High School 12th grader; Sergio Martinez, Ross S. Sterling 12th grader; Raul Medrano, Sterling 11th grader; Alvin Limbrick, Sterling 12th grader; Stuart Career Center Advanced Welding Instructor John Membreno; Rhonda Glover and Barbara Jones of Fluor; and Ed Cunningham of AMECO.

This donation dovetails well with Stuart Career Center's latest innovation spearheaded by said Renea Dillon, director of Career and Technical Education for Goose Creek CISD who shared, "We were approved to begin offering NCCER classes on Saturday at the Career Center. The purpose for the NCCER Core Curriculum classes being held on Saturday's is to open up more time for instruction and lab time during the school week. Most importantly, the student will have a national recognized credential that is recognized by the construction industry through a national registry database. The National Registry provides transcripts, certificates and wallet cards to students who successfully complete the NCCER curriculum.

Goose Creek CISD applauds Fluor and AMECO for their continued support and the genuine interest they have shown through the investment of both resource allocation and content expertise, and wishes to give Rhonda Glover and Steve Jones of Fluor, who have recently opened a facility at 4226 Decker Drive a warm GOOSE CREEK PROUD welcome!

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