



# WEMCO Excellence in Welding Awards

## Past Award Recipients

### 2023

**Individual**

Rob Tessier

**Educator**

Justin Harvell

**Educational Facility**

Reignite Hope

**Small Business**

United Technical

**Large Business**

Fronius

**Distributor**

General Air

**AWS Section**

Nashville

**Media**

Stephanie Hoffman-Wedding

**Veteran**

Sean Franco

### 2022

**Individual**

Jonathan Lee

**Educator**

Anthony Blakeney

**Educational Facility**

Missouri Welding Institute

**Small Business**

R&N Manufacturing

**Large Business**

Knapheide

**Distributor**

WELSCO

**AWS Section**

Atlanta Section (Section 025)

**Media**

Welding Women Syndicate

**Veterans**

James Daniels

## 2021

**Individual**  
**Educator**  
**Educational Facility**  
**Small Business**  
**Large Business**  
**Distributor**  
**Section (AWS Local Chapter)**  
**Media**  
**Veteran**

Craig Wood  
Ken Kuk  
Central Arizona College  
Saf-T-Cart  
Ingalls Shipbuilding  
Terrace Supply Co.  
Puget Sound Olympic Section  
Abbe Miller  
Kelli Royals

## 2020

**Individual**  
**Educator**  
**Educational Facility**  
**Veteran**  
**Small Business**  
**Distributor**  
**Media**

Tom West  
Catherine Lindquist  
Hobart Institute of Welding Technology  
William Holmes  
Multi-Craft Contractors  
Arc3 Gases  
Todd Clouser

## 2019

**Exceptional**  
**Individual**  
**Educator**  
**Educational Facility**  
**Veteran**  
**Small Business**  
**Large Business**  
**Distributor**  
**Section (AWS Local Chapter)**  
**Media**

Jeff Deckrow, Hypertherm  
Tom Kostreba  
Elmer Swank  
Ferris State University  
Derek Beecher, Workshop for Warriors  
Major Tool & Machine  
Lincoln Electric Co.  
Coastal Welding Supply  
AWS Los Angeles/Inland Empire Section  
Jody Collier

**2018**

**Individual**  
**Educator**  
**Educational Facility**  
**Veteran**  
**Small Business**  
**Large Business**  
**Distributor**  
**Section (AWS Local Chapter)**  
**Media**

Samantha Farr  
Ryan T. Eubank  
Northwest Florida State College  
Ken Morris Sr.  
T. J. Snow Co.  
Newport News Shipbuilding  
Oxarc Inc.  
AWS North Texas Section, Section 053  
Joshua J. Welton

**2017**

**Individual**  
**Exceptional**  
**Educator**  
**Educational Facility**  
**Veteran**  
**Small Business**  
**Large Business**  
**Distributor**  
**Section (AWS Local Chapter)**  
**Media**

Raymond Roberts  
Ray Shook  
Adam Leese  
Earlbeck Technical Center  
Alex Funk  
Cindy Jiang of AET Integration  
Lance Werth of SPX Flow  
Clinton Bush of A-L Compressed Gases  
AWS Mobile Section, Section 091  
Don Brunell

## 2016

**Individual**  
**Educator**  
**Educational Facility**  
**Veteran**  
**Small Business**  
**Large Business**  
**Distributor**  
**Section (AWS Local Chapter)**  
**Media**

Uwe Ashemeier  
Jeff Imrie  
Rochester Arc + Flame Center  
James Daniels  
Flange Wizard  
Jeffboat  
Norco  
Indiana Section, Section 027  
Frank Witsil

## 2015

**Individual**  
**Educator**  
**Veteran**  
**Educational Facility**  
**Small Business**  
**Large Business**  
**Distributor**  
**Section (AWS Local Chapter)**  
**Media**  
**Exceptional Category**

Jason North - Alma, MI  
Dr. Warren Donworth - Austin, TX  
Lyle Palm - San Diego, CA  
Workshops for Warriors - San Diego, CA  
Lynch Enterprises LLC - Durango, CO  
Bechtel Corporation - San Francisco, CA  
Purity Cylinder Gases - Grand Rapids  
Los Angeles-Inland Empire Section,  
Jamie Duffy - Fort Wayne, IN  
Mike Rowe

## 2014

**Individual**  
**Educator**  
**Educational Facility**  
**Small Business**  
**Large Business**  
**Distributor**  
**Section (AWS Local Chapter)**

Austin W. Gordy - Houston, TX  
Kevin Carter - Petersburg, IN  
Lynnes Welding Training - Fargo, ND  
Tri Tool Inc. - Rancho Cordova, CA  
CB&I - Plainfield, IL  
AWISCO - Maspeth, NY  
Milwaukee - Milwaukee, WI

## 2013

**Individual  
Educator  
Educational Facility**

**Small Business**

**Large Business  
Distributor  
Section (AWS Local Chapter)**

Dennis A. Wright, Olathe, KS  
Nanette Samanich, Las Vegas, NV  
Canadian Centre for Welding and Joining  
University of Alberta, Canada  
Bay State Industrial Welding &  
Fabrication, Inc., Hudson, NH  
SME Steel, West Valley City, UT  
Cee Kay Supply, Inc., St. Louis, MO  
Ivy Tech Community College Student  
Chapter, Anderson, IN

## 2012

**Individual  
Educator  
Educational Facility  
Small Business  
Large Business  
Distributor  
Media  
Section (AWS Local Chapter)**

Ernest Levert  
David Parker  
Washtenaw Community College  
AMET, Inc.  
Vermeer Corp.  
WELSCO  
Meghan Boyer  
Houston, AWS Section # 022

## 2011

**Individual  
Educator  
Educational Facility  
Small Business  
Large Business**

**Distributor (Welding Products)  
Section (AWS Local Chapter)**

Bennie D. Flynn, Solberry, IN  
Roderick McDonald, Aberdeen, WA  
Perry Technical Institute, Yakima, WA  
Nelson Stud Welding, Elyria, OH  
Hunter Engineering Company  
Durant, MS  
Oxarc Inc., Spokane, WA  
Black Hills Student Chapter

## 2010

**Individual  
Educator  
Educational Facility  
Small Business**

Robert L. Richwine, Chesterfield, IN  
James Lee Brantley, Miami, FL  
Gadsden State Community College,  
Colmac Coil Manufacturing, Inc.  
Collville, WA  
PSEG Fossil, Newark, NJ  
North Central Florida Section

**Large Business  
Section (AWS Local Chapter)**

## 2009

**Individual  
Educator  
Educational Facility  
Large Business  
Distributor (Welding Products)  
Section (AWS Local Chapter)**

Jennifer McCall, Carlsbad, CA  
Jeff Smith, Pryor, OK  
Metropolitan Community College (MCC),  
Burtek, Inc., Chesterfield, MI  
WESCO, Prichard, AL  
Indiana Chapter

## 2008

**Individual**

Barbara Henon, Lisa Legohn, Clyde  
Shetler, Ray Wilsdorf, James Owens,  
Richard Bryant

**Educator**

Jim Goetz, Roy Lanier, Lisa Legohn,  
James Owens, James Burnett,  
Ralph Young

**Educational Facility**

Bucks County Technical High School,  
We-Mo-Co Welding, Odessa College  
Welding Training Center, Indian Hills  
Community College,

**Small Business**

Pima Community College  
The Advanced Science and Automation  
Corporation Westfield Steel Co.

**Large Business  
Distributor (Welding Products)  
Distinguished Service Award  
Section (AWS Local Chapter)**

A&B Process Systems  
Rywal-RHC Ltd.  
Uwe Aschemeier  
Tulsa Section, Western Carolina

**2007**

**Individual  
Educator**

Carl Occhialini  
Robert Sandelier,  
Camden County Technical School,  
Cumberland Vocational School  
Sheet Metal Workers Local #33,  
Apprenticeship & Training Program,  
Cleveland, Ohio

**Educational Facility**

**Small Business  
Large Business  
Distributor (Welding Products)  
Section (AWS Local Chapter)**

Greiner Industries, Inc.  
Bucyrus International, Inc.  
Sutton-Garten Company  
AWS Houston Section

**2006**

**Individual  
Educator**

Christopher Coble  
Leland Vetter at Eastern Wyoming  
College

**Educational Facility**

PipeFitters' Local Union 597, Training  
Center, Mokena, Illinois  
accepted by Michael Hamilton

**Large Business**

Hobart Institute of Welding Technology  
accepted by Ron Scott

**Distributor (Welding Products)**

Indiana Oxygen Company  
accepted by Jim Ford

**Section (AWS Local Chapter)**

AWS Indiana Section  
accepted by Bob Richwine