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Maxwell High School of Technology:

Students jump start career nationally-certified in welding

Events scheduled for Friday, April 19th, at 9:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

A group of **Gwinnett County Public Schools** (GCPS) students is now career ready as they have earned national certification in welding through **Maxwell High School of Technology**, the school district's technical education charter school. This school year, the Maxwell High School of Technology Welding Program was named a certified training center for the National Center of Construction Education and Research (NCCER). By having completed the program in a certified training center, this current group, and future Maxwell High students, will graduate with national certification.

NCCER is an industry-driven training and certification initiative that offers a complete series of entry- and journey-level assessments to evaluate the knowledge and skill level of an individual in a specific craft area. This spring, 17 GCPS students successfully completed the NCCER Level 1 Welder requirements. These students and their home schools are:

- **Arnulfo Casco** -- Brookwood High
- **Andrew Edwards** -- Archer High
- **Defarra Gaymon** -- North Gwinnett High
- **Tommy Givens** -- Duluth High
- **Sean Heenie** -- North Gwinnett High
- **Deion Hewitt** -- Dacula High
- **Tommy King** -- North Gwinnett High
- **Micah Lewis** -- Brookwood High
- **Shirrahn McNair** -- Norcross High
- **Christopher Monturo** -- Parkview High
- **Shedric Moody** -- Shiloh High
- **Justin Norris** -- Central Gwinnett High
- **Mohini Persaud** -- South Gwinnett High
- **Eddie Rincon** -- Meadowcreek High
- **Joey Sarro** -- Collins Hill High
- **Diante Scott** -- Hooper Renwick School
- **Nicholas Sperling** -- Mill Creek High

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These GCPS students have been trained and tested in the following areas: welding safety; oxyfuel cutting; base metal preparation; weld quality; shielded metal arc welding (SMAW); equipment and setup; SMAW – Electrodes and selection; SMAW – Beads and fillet welds; SMAW – Groove welds with backing; Joint fit-up and alignment; SMAW – open v-groove welds; and SMAW – open-root pipe welds.

In honor of completion of all NCCER testing and end of pathway requirements, Maxwell High School of Technology will recognize its nationally-certified students on Friday, April 19. As students from throughout the district attend Maxwell High for half the day, two events will take place—one in the morning at 9:30 am, and an afternoon ceremony at 12:15 pm.

*News media representatives are invited to the
recognition events scheduled for April 19.*