

2019 – Welding Technology

Hazen Nelson: I chose Welding because my dad always told me to learn a skill, because skills are in such high demand, and we need people to do them. You need absolutely no prior experience. I'd never welded before; I'd had a welder in my house before, I'd seen my dad do it. But, I'd never done it myself. I came in here and Jeff and Craig taught us how to do everything. Every step of what we do is meticulously written out in our Mod books, and stuff. My favorite project I've worked on this year was probably the one I'm doing right now, which is, I'm making an anvil for our Engineering teacher. Usual day: We get into class, and Jeff usually has two different words on the board; one word relates to welding, another one just a general life word. He kind of talks about them, relates them to either life or welding itself. We talk for a bit, and then we go out into the lab and we all get to work on whatever we want to work on. Probably one of my favorite things about the program was everyone in the class; we've formed life-long friendships between us. I love everybody in that class; we're all great. Just the class in general; it's a ton of fun. You get to go out in the lab and work with your friends, and do fun stuff, and, you know, Jeff and Craig are really relaxed about the kinds of stuff that you do, so you get to make a lot of cool things. If you come to welding, you're going to instantly be put ahead of everybody else in life. It gives you such a jump start; over the two years that you're going to be here, it's second to none. It puts you over everything else. The amount that you will learn while you're here is, absolutely insane.

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