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What is the Gladiator Welding Program?



The Gladiator Welding Program is a free welding pre-apprenticeship program offered to residents of Southwest Fresno. Students get 5 months of hands on training and the opportunity to gain their AWS certification as part of the class.

Meet Our Instructors



Greg Barragan
Lead Instructor

Greg is one of the top welding instructors in the State of CA. He has received numerous awards, including being honored as the Employee of the Month by the Fresno County Office of Education.

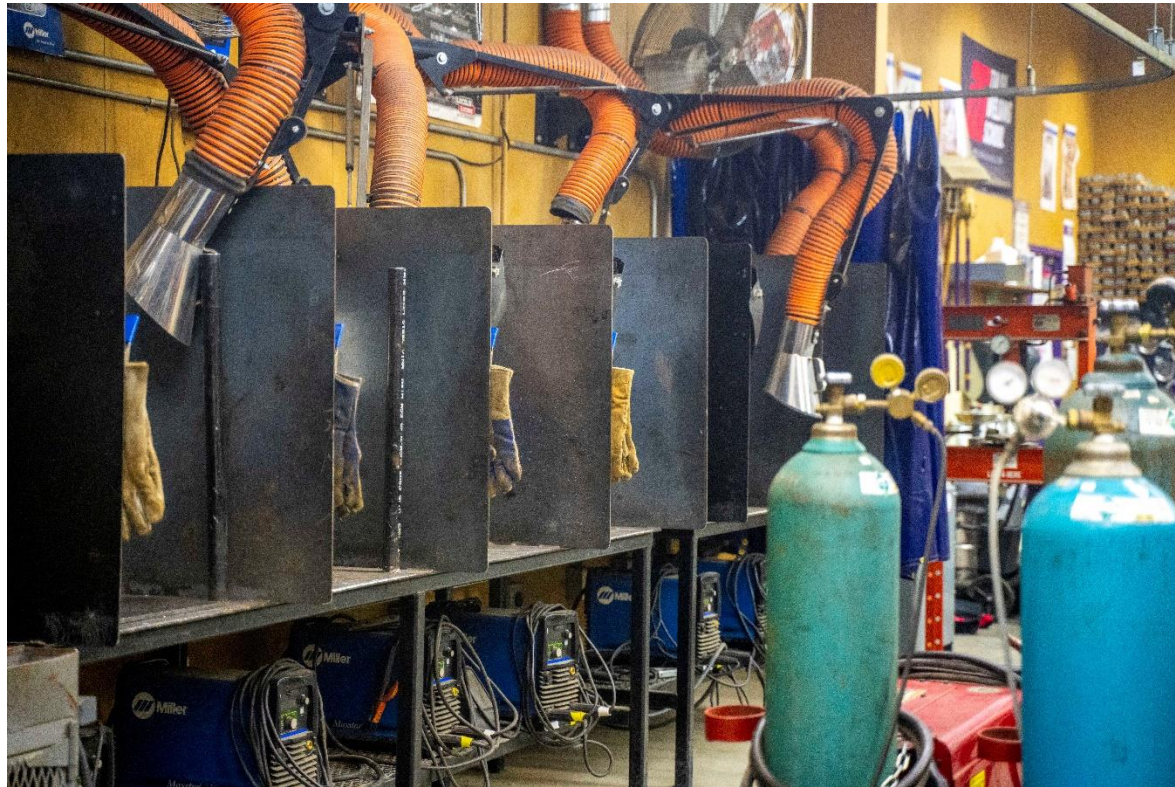


Hector Gomez
Instructor

Hector is a former student of Mr. Barragan and assists with instruction and documentation of instruction activities.



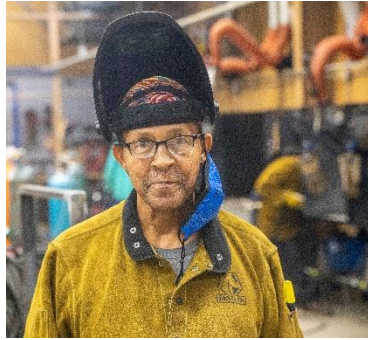
Our Facility



Class is held at the Washington Union High School welding lab. Washington Union has been an incredible partner for the Gladiator Welding Program, and we sincerely thank them for allowing us to use their facilities.



Meet Our Completers in Cohort #1



Each completer received their AWS certification as part of the program, a student profile and help creating a resume.



Student Profile

These profiles are provided to employers that partner with the program.

GLADIATOR WELDING PROGRAM

Completed 2022

CERTIFICATIONS

**AWS 3G GMAW Certified
AWS 3G SMAW Certified**

**ACT Certification in
Applied Math,
Documents & Literacy:
Silver Level**

BACKGROUND CHECK & DRUG SCREENING

Passed

WHAT I HAVE LEARNED

I learned how to keep the welding machine running and troubleshoot the machine if anything goes wrong. I also learned how to use hand tools and attention to detail while I am welding.

At the conclusion of the course I learned different types of welding processes, different types of welding types and positions. I also learned how to read the puddle and correct angle to weld correctly. I learned how to read a measuring stick, read blueprints, and also what different gases to use for different metals.



Employer Partners

SCCCD & VOICE have worked together to establish relationships with employers that hire welders in the Fresno area. These partners play a critical role in job placement efforts for completers of the program.



Students visit Excelsior Metals in Fresno for a tour of their facility



Students visit Steel Structures Inc. in Madera and take mock job interview welding test



Students visit PB Loader in Fresno for a tour of their facility



Completion Ceremony



The completion of Cohort #1 was commemorated recently through a completion ceremony celebrating the accomplishments of our students. The ceremony was attended by the students and their families, as well as Mayor Jerry Dyer and other public officials.



AWS Certifications

Through our partnership with Mr. Steve Rivera, a Certified Welding Inspector, we are able to offer our students the opportunity to receive their AWS Certification, which is paid for as part of the program. Every single student in cohort #1 received their certification. Several students received multiple certifications

Certified Welding Inspection Services WFI DFR QUALIFICATION TEST RECORD



Material Thickness:	3/8"	Welding Process:	GMAW
Material Specification:	ASTM A36	Test Position:	Vertical
Electrode:	ER70S-6	Size:	0.035"
Other:	Lincoln SuperArc L-56	Current/Polarity:	DCEP
Type of Weld:	CJP Single V Groove w/backing		

TEST RESULTS

Face Bend:	N/A	Root Bend:	N/A	Side Bend:	Pass	Side Bend:	Pass
Other:							
Visual Appearance:	Acceptable	Undercut:	Acceptable				
Porosity:	Acceptable	Inclusions:	None Visible				

The referenced welder is qualified for position(s) and weld type listed below.

Welding Process:	GMAW	Type:	Semi-Automatic
Positions - Groove:	Fat. Horizontal, Vertical	Filet:	1F, 2F, 3F
Material Thickness - Groove:	1/8" to 3/4"	Filet:	3/16" to Unlimited
Electrode Classification:	ER70S-6		
Type of Material:	Group I and II Steel		

The undersigned certifies that the statements in this record are correct and that the welds were prepared, welded, and tested in accordance with the requirements of AWS D1.1-2020.



Steven J. Rivera
CWI 14080651
QC1 EXP. 8/1/2023

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Additional Partners



The Gladiator Welding Program recently began a partnership with Career Nexus and the San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance, who provides soft skills training and paid internships to our completers. This partnership will help us provide necessary services to our students to ensure their success in the program and help build the employer relationships we need to be successful.

Additionally, the West Fresno Family Resource Center provides with onboarding and needs assessment services for our students.

What's Next?

- Cohort #2 begins next week (first week of April 2022)
- Build program sustainability
- Building additional partnerships with the community, employers and sponsors
- Continuing to build organizational capacity for VOICE



How to Connect

- Social Media

- Facebook: @GladiatorWelding
- Twitter: @Gladiator_Weld
- Instagram: @gladiator.welding
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/gladiator-welding-program>
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