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AHS Welding Students Compete in Sun City Welding Build-Off

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On February 24th, three members from the Alamogordo High School (AHS) Welding Club competed in the Sun City Welding Build-Off, part of the Texas High School Welding Series. “The three students who participated were Allison Kuhn a Senior, Katherine Carter a Junior, and Joshua Jobe Jr. a Sophomore,” said their coach Mr. Wyatt Moon, the welding instructor at Alamogordo High School. “Before the build-off, all members of the team were required to become certified welders. All three members of the team earned at least one American Welding Society (AWS) certification.”

“There is a major shortage of welders and skilled persons in the welding trade”, says Sun City Welding Director, Scott Herndon. “The Texas High School Welding Series and our welding academy is cultivating the next generation of welders and growing this competition in our area is key to maintaining our industry at the forefront when it comes to high school students choosing a career path.”

At the build-off, the students were given blueprints to create an American flag out of metal. The AHS team placed 4th overall out of 22 teams, and Alamogordo was the highest-placed team of novices at the build-off. Alamogordo was also the only team that was represented by female welders. Allison Kuhn was awarded the outstanding team leader award and won a custom welding hood and a scholarship to Sun City Welding Academy. Kathrine Carter won a custom welding charm and jewelry box shaped like a toolbox. Joshua Jobe Jr. won a pair of gloves and a \$50 gift card to Syoxsa, a welding supply company in El Paso.

Congratulations to these amazing Alamogordo High School students!

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