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## **Tulsa Welding School to Provide Its Students with American Welding Society Memberships**

**TULSA, OKLA., July 7, 2009** – Tulsa Welding School has announced that it will provide all of its students and applicants with memberships in the American Welding Society, the leading professional organization for welding professionals.

“A crucial part of career preparation, for welding as in any other profession, is to participate in the worldwide community that is devoted to advancing that profession,” said Dawn Bravo of Tulsa Welding School, the largest accredited welding school in the United States.

Student memberships in the American Welding Society (AWS) will enable the school’s students to participate in the society’s local Section activities in any of more than 200 localities worldwide. Student members will also receive subscriptions to the monthly *Welding Journal* magazine and discounts on numerous educational and certification programs, as well as savings on hundreds of AWS publications.

Tulsa Welding School, founded in 1949, has campuses in Tulsa, Okla. and Jacksonville, Fla. The school trains and helps place welders and welding technicians for rewarding jobs in manufacturing, construction, energy and transportation.

“The American Welding Society is gratified that Tulsa Welding School recognizes the value of funding AWS membership for its students,” said Ray Shook, executive director of AWS. “Members of the Society and local Section volunteers are eager to provide mentoring for the school’s students, as we do for all aspiring welding professionals. Our country is facing a critical shortage of skilled welders needed to keep our economy and infrastructure in shape, and Tulsa Welding School helps provide well-qualified graduates to help meet the need.”

The American Welding Society was founded in 1919 with the mission to advance the science, technology and application of welding. It serves more than 55,000 members worldwide.

### About AWS

*The American Welding Society (AWS) was founded in 1919 as a multifaceted, nonprofit organization with a mission to advance the science, technology and application of welding and allied joining and cutting processes including brazing, soldering, and thermal spraying. Headquartered in Miami, Florida, and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS serves more than 50,000 members worldwide and is composed of 22 Districts with 250 Sections and student chapters. For more information, visit the society's website at <http://www.aws.org> and click on "Pressroom."*

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