## **PRESS RELEASE**





## Po-Hi Student Takes Top Prize in 3rd Annual Weld for Work Competition

Ponca City Senior High School student Colton Orr was this year's first place winner of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Weld for Work competition. Colton attends school at Po-Hi and is also a student at Pioneer Technology Center (PTC). PTC, along with MJ&H Fabrication and Mertz, teamed up this month for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Weld for Work competition, which aligns newly graduated welders with area employment opportunities.

Other winners included: 2nd Place; Isac Urban from Tonkawa; 3rd Place Alberto Bojorquez from Blackwell; 4th Place Brayan Hernandez with Autry Tech and Noah Peaster from Meridian Tech. The top 4 contestants are guaranteed employment at MJ&H and Mertz. Sponsors for the event included: MJ&H, Mertz Manufacturing, Airgas, Ponca City Development Authority, Lampton, Legacy Signs, Boss Custom Tees and IPS (Industrial Piping Specialists). Each student winner took home prizes donated by these companies, Airgas being the largest sponsor. The top winner received \$1500 in prizes.

For more information on the event or if your company would like to have a competition in the future with one of Pioneer Tech's programs call 762-8336 or visit www.pioneertech.edu.

Pictured winners left to right were first place Colton Orr (Ponca City); second place Isac Urban (Tonkawa); third place Alberto Bojorquez (Blackwell); fourth place Brayan Hernandez with Autry Tech and Noah Peaster from Meridian Tech.

Mary Ladd

Public Information Coordinator Ponca City Public Schools 580-352-4188 laddm@pcps.us