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KISSLER/NORCO GRANT PRESENTATION / CTE WELDING LAB TOUR

ONTARIO - Tuesday, April 21st, the TVCC Board along with CTE Welding Students, Representatives from OHS Board, Malheur Poverty to Prosperity, OHS and TVCC converged on the OHS campus; the site of the CTE 1st year welding lab. TVCC President Dana Young made introductions and welcomed everyone to the refurbished lab. OHS principal Andy Kovach also welcomed everyone and talked about the importance of this type of program for this area's students.

Roger Watkins, the instructor for the 1st year welding class, described the welding lab before and after the reconstruction. He explained that the new layout of the lab and the new welding equipment has made a tremendous improvement and the ability to instruct 20 students at one time. The lab is equipped with 16 stations for Oxy-fuel welding, and 16 SMAW/GTAW (Arc/TIG) welding units and 10 Miller Matic GMAW welding units.

President Young then introduced Cathy Yasuda, TVCC Foundation Director, who introduced and gave our appreciation to the Norco folks who have been tremendous partners not only for our CTE program but for the TVCC Foundation. Robert Gerry, Executive Vice President Norco, representing the Kissler Foundation, indicated that he has seen many welding labs and he congratulated Roger and the team for designing such a well organized and quality lab. Robert then presented Cathy Yasuda with a check for \$10,000 from the Kissler Foundation. This was in addition to equipment and supplies valued at over \$10,000 that Norco contributed to the CTE welding program. David Malmberg, Sales Representative and John Widner, Ontario Store Manager were also representing Norco .

Dana then invited everyone to sample the refreshments provided by OHS's advanced culinary students.

Prospective students and their parents were also invited to the event and were later given the opportunity to meet with Principal Kovach and instructor Roger Watkins to review the program and the application process.