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Welding and construction students compete at Arlington High School

ARLINGTON- Arlington High School's (AHS) Welding and Construction classes held a regional SkillsUSA competition on Jan. 31 for local students to compete for a chance to move on to the state competition in April. This is the first time AHS has hosted the regional competition. Seven students competed in the welding category and four competed in the construction category.

Welding students had to demonstrate to judges they knew how to arc weld, MIG weld and torch weld. They also had to pass a written test. Each session was 30 minutes.

"My father welds and it's something I'd like to do," said AHS ninth-grader Dane Byle, who welded together a candleholder sculpture out of horseshoes. "I'd love to be an underwater welder."

The construction category focused on students building a 10-foot long wall, a stair stringer, and a roof rafter in addition to the written test.

"There are a lot of leadership components associated with this competition," said AHS Engineering/Welding Teacher, Collin Nelson. "They learn a lot of good skills by going through this process."

SkillsUSA is a national membership association serving high school, college and middle school students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations, and for further education.

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