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**HEAD OF AMERICAN WELDING  
SOCIETY TO SPEAK AT MCCC**



MONROE, Mich. – Dean R. Wilson, president of the American Welding Society, an organization with nearly 70,000 members worldwide, will speak at Monroe County Community College on September 10.

The presentation, which is sponsored by the college's Applied Science and Engineering Technology Division, will take place at 3 p.m. in the student concourse of the Career Technology Center. It is free and open to the public.

He will be joined by Don DeCorte, counselor for AWS and vice president of RoMan Manufacturing Inc., and Robert Wilcox, AWS District 11 director – will speak about continued credentialing of AWS programs and introduce a new program operating under AWS.

Following the presentation, the AWS contingent will tour MCCC's new welding lab in the Career Technology Center, and be briefed on the many applied science and engineering technology programs housed in that facility, which opened in 2013.

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 worldwide, including brazing, soldering and thermal spraying.

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Headquartered in Miami and led by a volunteer organization of officers and directors, AWS has 22 districts with 250 sections and student chapters.

Wilson has been active in AWS for more than 30 years and has served on numerous standing committees, including serving as chair in 2005 of WEMCO, an Association of Welding Equipment Manufacturers.

As president, Wilson manages the affairs of AWS, presides at all board of directors and executive committee meetings, and represents the society at many of its local section meetings, as well as other technical, national and international meetings.

“The focus of my presidency is continuous improvement through innovation and the many forms it can experienced,” said Wilson. “AWS is devoted to advancing the science, technology and people of welding by providing lifelong professional development and in doing so, aims to improve everyone’s safety, productivity and career satisfaction, leading to continuous improvement through innovation.”

Wilson lives in Glendora, Calif., where he serves as president of Welldan Enterprises, a provider of health, safety and welding products and industry consulting.

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