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**ABMA Announces 2024 Welding Scholarship Recipient in**

**Partnership with the American Welding Society**

**Vienna, VA – October 24, 2024 –** The American Boiler Manufacturers Association (ABMA), in collaboration with the American Welding Society (AWS), is proud to announce **Jesus Acosta** as the recipient of the 2024 ABMA/AWS Welder Workforce Endowment Scholarship. Acosta, a welding technology student at Lone Star College in Houston, TX, has been awarded a $1,500 scholarship to support his educational journey.

**“This scholarship reflects ABMA’s commitment to the next generation in welding, a crucial component of manufacturing in the boiler industry,”** said Scott Lynch, President & CEO of ABMA. **“By supporting students like Jesus, we are not only investing in their future but also raising awareness of the boiler industry as a great career path for many skilled trades.”**

Acosta, originally from Tomball, TX, expressed his deep appreciation for the scholarship:
**“The financial support will allow me to focus more on my studies and help ease the burden of educational expenses. I am committed to making the most of this opportunity and am eager to contribute to the welding field in the future.”**

Acosta moved to Houston to pursue a career in welding after working as a forklift operator. His [thank you note and personal statement](https://americanbma.sharepoint.com/%3Ab%3A/s/Marketing/EXX0B13_VqFDuTWAK9VpiWwBZtJRxY_wRPTKnmePkXrtfw?e=O0o02T) highlight his passion for welding and his dedication to improving his skills in a field he describes as both an art and a craft.

Through the Randy Rawson Scholarship Fund, ABMA has contributed more than $250,000 to engineering and skilled trade students. Past recipients have gone on to successful careers in the boiler industry. For more details about the Randy Rawson Scholarship and ABMA’s workforce development efforts, please visit [www.ABMA.com](http://www.abma.com).

**About ABMA**

Since our founding in 1888, the American Boiler Manufacturers Association (ABMA) has advocated for the safe production and operation of boilers, facilitated advances in energy efficiency, and provided solutions for our member companies.  Throughout our history, the boiler industry and our member base have relied on the ABMA to lead the industry as it tackles challenges and embraces opportunities in our constantly evolving sector. Through participation with ABMA, our members are better informed, connected, and positioned to thrive in today’s global boiler industry.  To learn more, please visit [www.ABMA.com](http://www.ABMA.com).

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