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**CROCUS PLAINS REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL RECEIVES \$5,000 FROM CWB WELDING FOUNDATION 'FORGED BY YOUTH' AWARD**

**MILTON, ONT.-** Oct. 20, 2021- The CWB Welding Foundation announces the three Canadian secondary school recipients that received \$30,000 collectively from the new 'Forged by Youth' (FBY) award. Among them is Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School, Brandon, Man., receiving \$5,000 taking third place.

The inaugural FBY award based on submitted class projects also went to first and second place recipient schools: Pontiac High School of Shawville, Que., receiving \$15,000 and Rimbey Jr. Sr. High School, Rimbey, Alta. receiving \$10,000.

"The FBY Award celebrates the creativity and effort involved in secondary school welding projects," said Susan Crowley, Executive Director, CWB Welding Foundation. "In continued support of secondary school welding facilities, the Foundation is proud to announce the inaugural 2021 Forged by Youth Award winners that recognizes outstanding class projects with a financial award for each winning school's welding program."

The project, submitted by instructor Jamie Irwin of Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School (CPRSS), is a set of wings that stands just over six feet tall with 146 feathers welded to the frame. It was constructed to be used as a photo prop where people can stand in front of the wings to look as if they have wings. To date it has been used for open houses and by the student council for different events. The project was built by approximately 12 students. They learned other valuable skills such as working as a team and time management.

CPRSS teaches Welding Technology to students from Grades 9-12. Approximately 330 students sign up for classes each year where they learn a variety of welding processes, layout, measurement and much more.

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To be eligible to apply for the award, the applicants had to be a full-time welding educator at a secondary school in Canada. The educator must submit a class project that has been completed in either the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year. For more information visit

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The CWB Welding Foundation is a national registered charity that relies on the support of industry and community organizations to address the welding skilled trade shortage in Canada. Through education-based programs and initiatives, we continue to reduce barriers that affect key groups; elementary, secondary, and post-secondary students and educators, Indigenous, women, and the underrepresented. We envision a future where all individuals are encouraged and provided the support needed to reach their true potential in a career in welding regardless of identity factors, social and financial status, and lived experiences including gender, age, ethnicity, language, literacy, culture, income, and geographical location.

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