

MEDIA ALERT:

Praxair, Inc. and Delgado Community College (Delgado) to Host Event in Community; Welding Scholarships Offered

NEW ORLEANS, La. September [25] – Delgado Community College and Praxair, Inc. (NYSE: PX) will host a community event in October to kick off the company's Skills Pipeline program, a new workforce development initiative. The event will serve as an opportunity for visitors to learn about the educational opportunities and career possibilities for welders in Louisiana.

What: Visitors can enjoy free food and special gifts as they explore the possibilities of sparking new careers in welding! They will also have the chance to apply for one of 100 Praxair Skills Pipeline full welding school scholarships offered at Baton Rouge Community College, Delgado Community College, and SOWELA Technical Community College. Visitors and media can also:

- ⤴ Stop by the “Ask A Welder” booth
- ⤴ Meet a welding artist
- ⤴ Learn about the latest in Praxair welding technology and more

When:

- Monday, October 6, 2014, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where:

- Delgado Community College City Park Campus, Student Life Center, Building 23, Lac Maurepas Room: 615 City Park Avenue, New Orleans, La 70119

Why:

An estimated 35,000 skilled craft workers are needed to grow the industrial construction workforce and 51,300 are needed to replace construction workers expected to leave the industry through 2016. The Praxair Skills Pipeline program provides more than \$300,000 to train 100 new welders in an accelerated one-year curriculum in Louisiana as well as support for instructorships, continuing education, and professional development and is funded by Praxair's Global Giving Program. This community engagement program was developed to meet the strong demand for skilled welders and is an example of the company's continued commitment to developing a diverse “pipeline” of talented STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and skilled trade professionals.

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[healthcare](#), manufacturing, metals and many others. More information about Praxair, Inc. is available at www.praxair.com.

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