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OBRA HORN, LEVI RETTERER, DAKOTA ELSWICK

Welding Department at Tri-Rivers

Obra Horn, Tri-Rivers Welding instructor, has dedicated 40 years to building a positive, hard-working learning environment in the Tri-Rivers Welding program. Students learn a lifelong skill that will support themselves and their families. He always says, "Welding is the best program in the school" and he means it! He says the best part of welding is the job opportunities available to hardworking, dedicated welders. "We don't have enough lab training space to fill Marion and surrounding counties' needs for the trade." Mr. Horn was recently featured in the national Welding Journal—<https://tririvers.com/mr-horn-featured-in-national-welding-journal/>

Levi Retterer, Tri-Rivers Welding Instructor, graduated from Tri-Rivers Welding program in 2009. He continued his education at Hobart Institute of Welding, graduating in 2010. He has worked as a welder and machinist for local companies before starting as a Welding Instructor for the Tri-Rivers Adult Education program and now the high school Career Center. Mr. Retterer is also the recipient of a Tri-Rivers Outstanding Alumni Award.

Dakota Elswick, is also a graduate of Tri-Rivers. Dakota worked at Vaughn Industries after graduation. She is currently an aide in the Tri-Rivers Welding program, but will become a full-time Career Tech instructor next year when Mr. Horn retires. She also teaches the Tri-Rivers Adult Diploma Welding program. The Adult Diploma program provides job training and an alternate pathway for adults, ages 22 or older, to earn an industry-recognized credential and a state-issued high school diploma.

Good welders will always be in demand in our economy. Ninety-five percent of all manufactured goods involve a welding process.

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