

May 2025 Professional Staff Board Report

Career Services

Career Services has been working with the CWC Welding Department since the beginning of our grant. We have seen students thrive in internships with Darryl Steeds and Matthew Dripps. They provide equitable opportunities for their students, and we have enjoyed working with them over the past few years.

Pictured below, from left to right, we have Matthew Dripps, Darryl Steeds, and Aly Ball. Aly has finished up an internship with our welding department this spring and will be graduating this semester.

Here is what Aly noted: "I think this internship experience will help me in the future because of several factors. I would certainly say the experience in general, but what I got to do too. I made extensions to the cable for ground leads for every machine. I welded a fabrication table together for the AG and equine center. Most recently, I have been welding "caps" onto and into square tubing for a project that Matt is working on. I did some welding demonstrations for some first-year students; that was a fun test of my skill set because it had been a year since I had done that kind of work. I think this internship gave me more opportunities to learn and grow, which will help me further my career.

I really enjoyed the internship because of all that I listed above! It was fun, I was able to learn a lot and help out with a lot of things in the shop."

