FACULTY SPOTLIGHT MAY 2021

Misty Hellmers Welding Instructor Lacombe Campus

Misty Hellmers came to Northshore Technical Community College in 2015 as a HiSET student. Soon after she completed the program in 2016, Welding Instructor Owen Brown happened to see where Missy had demonstrated her ambidexterity by mirror-writing her name on a white board and asked her if she had ever considered a career in welding.

After some slight hesitation, Misty enrolled in the Welding Program at NTCC, taking most of her classes at Fontainebleau and Pearl River High Schools as the Lacombe STEM Campus had not yet opened. She completed her Technical Diploma in 2018 and worked for the City of Slidell for about 6 months, then returned to NTCC to work with Owen Brown as an assistant in the Welding Program. Since then, Missy has worked her way up to a position as Adjunct Faculty. She's back at Fontainebleau High School, this time as the Instructor for the Reboot Louisiana "Women in Welding" program.

Misty describes herself as an energetic team player. Her favorite part of teaching is "seeing the lightbulb come on" when students learn a new skill, knowing that they are empowered by that newly acquired knowledge. She lives in Slidell with her daughter, Kaylea, who just completed her junior year of high school. When she's not at NTCC, Misty enjoys the creative side of her trade, crafting custom fire pits.

"I love being at NTCC and helping the Welding Program grow. I plan to be here for a long time!" ~ Misty

"Misty Hellmers is very energetic and creative. She has a great rapport with her students, one-on-one and in a group. She can be a little motherly, letting them know when they're getting off track and praising them when they're doing well."

-Owen Brown, Welding Instructor





The Faculty Spotlight is a monthly newsletter that highlights the achievements of NTCC faculty. The nominee can be an online or face-to-face instructor that their peers think best represents the college in academics and through their efforts off campus.

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