American Welding Society
Central Valley Section Meeting

Monday November 2nd 2026

Fresno City College
1101 East University, Fresno 93741
Room T110C

Meeting Topic: Forging Your Path: Insights from AWS President Dr. Josh Burgess

Who Should Attend: Anyone interested in developing the next generation of skilled workers to meet the demands of the welding industry, Welding Inspectors, Welding Students, Educators, Administrators, Working Industry Professionals, and Local Business Owners are encouraged to attend. American Welding Society Membership is not required to attend.



Event Agenda:

5:30pm— 6:00pm Welcome / Networking
6:00pm— 8:00pm Dinner & Presentation at no cost

Presenter: Dr. D. Joshua Burgess

Dr. D. Joshua Burgess was elected to serve as president, is senior program manager of metallurgical and welding at the Tennessee Valley Authority. Throughout his 23-year membership with AWS, he has served the Society in many capacities at the board, Section, and committee levels. This includes serving as chair of the Northeast Tennessee Section in 2013 and District 8 director from 2013 to 2019. He is also an AWS Certified Welding Inspector (CWI) and AWS Level III Expert Welder.

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