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ICC Educational Foundation Receives \$250,000 Donation from Philippi-Hagenbuch

East Peoria, IL (12/16/2025) – The Illinois Central College Educational Foundation has received a \$250,000 donation from **Philippi-Hagenbuch**, providing a significant investment in the long-term strength of the College and establishing the newly named **Philippi-Hagenbuch Welding Lab**. The gift reflects the company's commitment to preparing a skilled regional workforce.

ICC recognized the donation during a ceremony on December 16, 2025, where the College unveiled the welding lab's new name in honor of Philippi-Hagenbuch's generosity and partnership.

"We believe deeply in ICC's mission and the impact it has on our region," said Danette Swank, President of Philippi-Hagenbuch. "We're proud to support the entire College, helping students gain the resources and skills needed to build what matters."

"Philippi-Hagenbuch's generosity shows powerful confidence in ICC's future," said Mike Unes, Vice President of Advancement. "This strategic investment provides flexible resources to meet students where they are, strengthening ICC as a workforce engine. Josh and Danette are an inspiration. We are deeply grateful for this partnership."

This major gift expands the Foundation's flexible funding, allowing ICC to respond quickly to emerging needs and support high-priority academic and workforce initiatives. These resources help programs like welding remain well equipped to serve students for years to come.

Illinois Central College is honored to celebrate this partnership with Philippi-Hagenbuch as it continues delivering accessible, high-quality education that drives economic growth across Central Illinois.

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Illinois Central College is a two-year community college with campuses in East Peoria, Peoria and Pekin, Illinois, providing a high-quality, affordable education to prepare students to enter the workforce or to transfer to a four-year institution. ICC is the 2020 awardee of the National Community College Charles Kennedy Equity Award from ACCT, a 2022 and 2025 EDA Good Job Challenge Institution, and the Lead College for the state of Illinois' Workforce Equity

Initiative. ICC also conducts original research in agricultural fields, including water quality and soil conservation. For more information, visit icc.edu.