

Santana Scott

Welding doesn't seem like something many women would be interested in, but for Santana, that's a different story. "I don't like the thought of college either, but a trade school, now that doesn't sound bad at all," she said.

When her dad offered to send Santana to school, she jumped at the offer. "I'm so glad I did," she said. Her time at Knight School of Welding was well worth the effort and time.

"I may have been learning a trade, but the hands-on learning and friendly teachers made it fun while doing it," Santana said. "I am now working for my dad in my own shop. It may be small, but I don't think I'd be happy if I stopped welding. He has me making things for his new hotel and fixing things for his farm. With any extra time that I'm not doing something for him, I'm either making sculptures or I'm honing my welding skills.

Santana says she is no longer living paycheck to paycheck. "A great weight is off my chest," she said. "I love the thought that my welds could possibly help hold up someone as they are doing their own job or sitting down to have lunch. Without welders, this world would be very different and difficult."