

CREATING A FUNCTIONAL FIREARM  
FROM PARTS IS A SKILL  
~ CREATING EACH PART IS AN ART ~



LEGACY  
EXCELLENCE  
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PROMISE



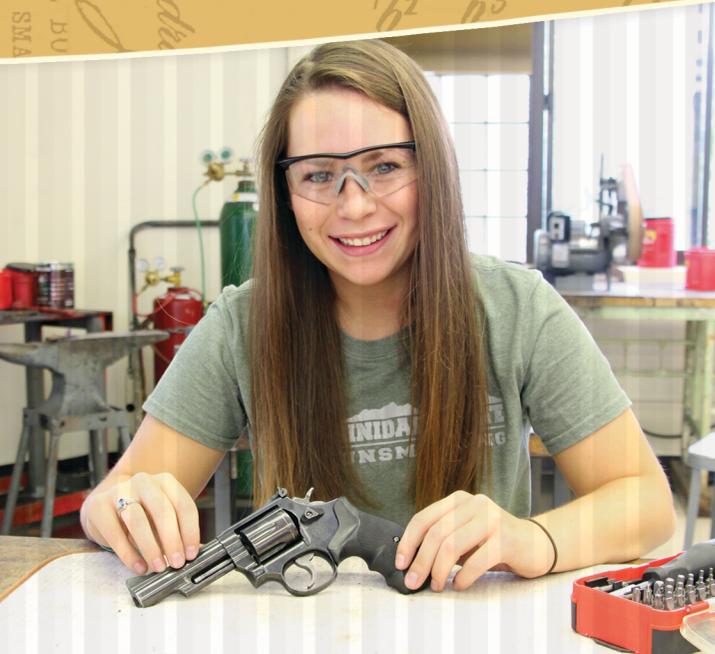
WELCOME TO  
AMERICA'S  
PREMIER  
GUNSMITHING  
SCHOOL

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TRINIDAD STATE

From the beginning and even before, guns shaped the foundation of the United States. Without guns America would not have gained independence and without gunsmiths that independence would not have blossomed. Gunsmiths not only maintain and repair our millions of firearms, they preserve our history, help maintain our uniquely American way of life and often create art along the way.

Trinidad State's Gunsmithing Program, unique in its own way, fills the minds of aspiring gunsmiths with the skills needed to preserve that part of the American story. From wood to metal, from fit to finish, from old to awesome, Trinidad State students are taught to refurbish, repair and beautify. The expectations are daunting but achievable in the space of two years, but there is room for more.

At Friends of Trinidad State we are committed to providing the resources to preserve, protect and expand this Rocky Mountain gem.



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While we are already home to America's Premier Gunsmithing School, the NRA Summer Series (now more than 40 years old) and the only NRA Certified Training Center in the United States, we believe we can do more.



With an endowment to fund an additional faculty member we plan to delve into firearms made of modern composite materials, advanced finishing techniques, CNC machining for gunsmiths, advanced firearms repair and more.

## GUNSMITHING IS TRULY AN ART FORM



Americans own approximately 300 million guns and that number goes up by millions every year. We have a growing demand for gunsmiths. While we turn out more than 30 every year, we have a plan to improve their education, increase their skill set and further cement our reputation as America's Premier Gunsmithing School.

### *Friends of Trinidad State Junior College*

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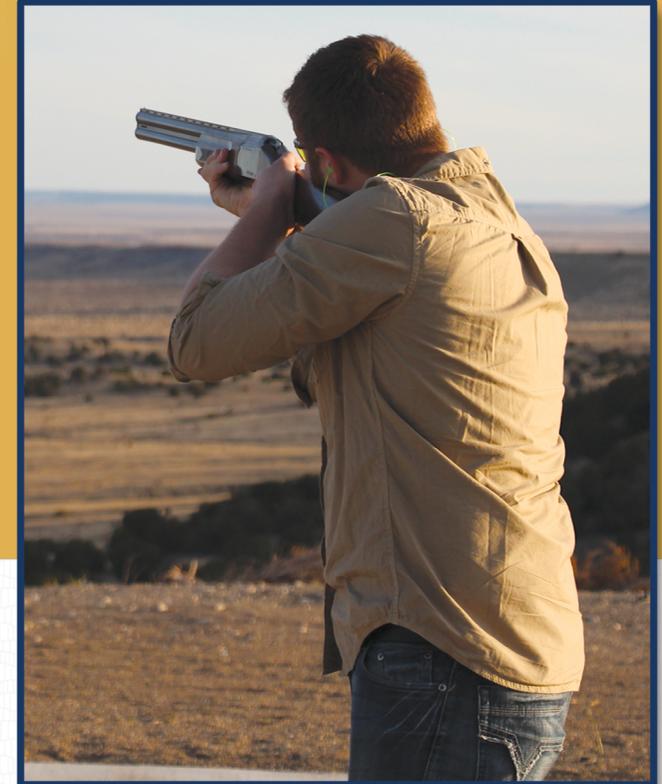
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AMERICA'S  
FIRST GUNSMITHING DEGREE  
STELLAR NATIONAL REPUTATION  
READY TO EXPAND WITH YOUR HELP



This is the right place and the right time to expand. Started by legendary Gunsmith P.O. Ackley in 1947, we've grown into the best place by far to learn gunsmithing skills. All our instructors graduated from Trinidad State, went on to work in the gun world and then came back. It's the kind of place where intricate detail is expected and complex problem solving is celebrated. Our students are carefully chosen and it shows. They proudly represent the Trinidad State legacy all over the world.