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MTI students receive scholarships from Kiwanis

(Bradenton, FL—May 13, 2010) The Kiwanis Club of Bradenton Foundation, Inc. awarded \$8,850 in tuition scholarships to 15 Manatee Technical Institute students last month.

“These students and MTI are very grateful to the Kiwanis Club for this financial assistance. Economically, this has been a very difficult year for so many of our students,” said Mary Cantrell, PhD, director of MTI.

The majority of the students receiving the awards are enrolled in either the Practical Nursing or Medical Administrative Specialist program. All the students receiving a Kiwanis scholarship are nearing the completion of their year-long programs. The scholarships will assist them with final quarter tuition payments.

The average scholarship amount was \$590. “Since the cost of tuition, books, lab fees, etc. to attend the Practical Nursing Program is approximately \$5,000, these scholarships truly made a difference for these students,” said Cantrell.

Stephen R. Dye, treasurer of the foundation, stated in his letter to MTI, “...we congratulate you for the work your organization does benefiting our local community and we appreciate the opportunity to be part of the success of students.”

Of the 15 students awarded the scholarships, six earned first place in state competitions last month. As a result, five will be competing at the SkillsUSA National Championships in Kansas City, Missouri, and one will be competing at the Health Occupations Students of America national conference in Orlando next month. They will represent MTI and the state of Florida when they compete.

The mission of Manatee Technical Institute is to meet and exceed our community’s training and educational expectations. MTI is a 2007 Tampa Bay Business of the Year and has won more SkillsUSA medals than any other school in the nation for the past six years.

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