

MTI prepares for Patriots Day and blood drive to remember 9/11

Students and staff unite to remember those lost and honor family and friends serving the USA

(Bradenton, FL—September 10, 2009) Manatee Technical Institute will host two Patriots Day ceremonies tomorrow morning. The Main Campus ceremony will be held in Leatherman Auditorium. Doors open at 8:30 am and the ceremony will begin at 8:45 am. Activities will include a reading of poems, the playing of Taps, a moment of silence, singing patriotic songs and viewing a student-created Power Point presentation, including photos of students and family serving in military.

“The great thing about this event is that it is completely student-run. We invite everyone to remember 9/11 and celebrate the patriots that have served us since that day. We will also highlight the ‘MTI family’ and how they are serving as police officers, military officials, nurses and doctors to help,” said Paddy McCarthy, Major Appliance Repair instructor.

The East Campus remembrance is scheduled for 9am, located in front of the Richard T. Conard Medical and Dental Building. East Manatee Fire and Rescue will be presenting a program honoring 9/11 victims.

There will also be a blood drive at the Main Campus. The drive will be from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm. Students, staff, family and friends are all invited to donate. There will be a bus from Florida Blood Services in front of the administration building. Donors enjoy free pizza, a t-shirt, and a coupon from Pirates Dinner Adventure. There will also be a chance to win a 2-night free stay at the Crowne Plaza, Orlando Universal, 2 free tickets to Pirate’s Dinner Adventure, and a \$50 gas card.

“The MTI Marine Service Technology program has worked to promote donating blood for 6 years now. Our goal is to have at least 30 people donate blood tomorrow. There is always a shortage of blood, especially the rare types. It is a fantastic feeling to know that your donation will help people in need. Every time a person gives blood, it can save 3 lives,” said Kelly Ewing, Marine Service Technology instructor.

To give blood, photo ID is required. Donors must be at least 16 years old, with parental consent, a minimum of 110lbs, and must be in good health. For more information about donating blood, please contact Florida Blood Services at 1-800-86-BLOOD.

All activities are civic and community service projects of the MTI Chapter of SkillsUSA. For more information, please contact MTI at 941-751-7900.

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.