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Manatee Technical Institute to celebrate Constitution Day

MTI's Criminal Justice and Adult Education programs invite students, staff, and the community to participate

(Bradenton, FL—September 15, 2009) As a SkillsUSA student project, Manatee Technical Institute will host multiple screenings of the musical *1776* to celebrate Constitution Day.

The Adult Education program will sponsor the event at MTI's Main Campus, located at 5603 34th West, in Bradenton. The show will be held on Thursday, September 17, in Leatherman Auditorium and screenings will be at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. According to career counselor Martha Meyers, "Tickets will be free, just like liberty!"

"Any school that receives federal funding is required to acknowledge the signing of the Constitution. At MTI, we want to do more than just acknowledge – we want to promote being a good citizen by remembering the roots of the American government not only to our students, but to the community, as well. We believe that MTI is heavily civic-minded and we'd like to show that by hosting Constitution Day," Meyers continued.

At East Campus, the shows will begin at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., on Friday, September 18, held in the Conard Building Auditorium, located at 5520 Lakewood Ranch Blvd, in Lakewood Ranch. The show will be a fundraiser for the high school Criminal Justice class and tickets will be \$3 at the door.

The musical *1776* is based on the events leading to the writing and signing of the United States Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Large portions of the script are taken directly from the letters and memoirs of the actual participants. Characters include John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John Hancock and many more.

For more information on Constitution Day at MTI, please contact Martha Meyers at 941-751-7900, ext 2014, at the Main Campus and/or Paul Redecha at 941-751-8479, ext 2014, at the East Campus.

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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