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## **MTI cosmo students help prep “Cinderellas” for prom**

*(Bradenton, FL—April 23, 2010)* The Manatee Technical Institute cosmetology program is offering complimentary haircuts, hair styling, manicures, pedicures, facials and makeup application to qualifying local high school prom goers on May 1 and 22. The project is part of the Manatee Education Foundation’s Prince Charming and Cinderella Project.

“The Manatee Education Foundation is thrilled to partner with Manatee Technical Institute to provide salon services to these very worthy girls in need of these services to make their prom special,” said Tricia McKay May, coordinator of development for the foundation. “The girls are very excited about it!”

The girls must be a junior or senior at a Manatee District high school and meet the foundation’s qualifications, which include being registered for free and reduced lunch and having no suspensions.

“It’s a win-win for all the students,” said MTI cosmetology instructor Judy Millard. “The high school students have help to get ready for the prom without spending a lot of money, and the cosmetology, nail tech and facials students get in needed clinical hours before they graduate.”

MTI is taking appointments now for services which will be offered between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on May 1 and between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on May 22. All services are complimentary; tips are appreciated.

To make an appointment, please contact Ms. Millard at (941) 751-7900, ext. 2071, or [millardj@manateeschools.net](mailto:millardj@manateeschools.net). For more information about the Cinderella Project, contact Tricia McKay May at (941) 708-8770, ext. 2149, or [mckaymayt@manateeschools.net](mailto:mckaymayt@manateeschools.net).

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