

Local Girl Scout troops learn in style at MTI

Over 25 girls and their leaders experience a career in Cosmetology while receiving makeovers

(Bradenton, FL—October 23, 2009) Manatee Technical Institute hosted a Girl Scouts’ career day Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Twenty-six Girl Scouts and 10 Troop Leaders visited MTI’s Main Campus to learn about Cosmetology careers. The girls were 11 to 16 and ranged from Juniors to Cadets to Seniors.

The girls participated in five events in the Cosmetology Department. Each Girl Scout and Troop Leader was pampered with a hair style, manicure, pedicure, facial, and makeup application. While the girls received their makeovers, MTI students talked to them about training and getting a career in Cosmetology. After the makeovers were complete, the MTI Culinary department served lunch. At the event’s end, the Girl Scouts received a certificate and their Interest Projects (IP) patch. This SkillsUSA project raised \$1,250 for MTI; the funds raised will sponsor Culinary and Cosmetology students to travel to the SkillsUSA National Championship.

Juliette Lowe, founder of the Girl Scouts USA, once said that every young lady should be prepared for two different careers. Dr. Mary Cantrell, MTI director, said that the most important part of the day was doing just that – showing the Girl Scouts that there are many career paths from which to choose.

“Having the SkillsUSA Cosmetology students host the Girl Scouts was a win-win for both. The scouts and their leaders were treated to a ‘SPA-tacular’ day learning about career opportunities for trained stylists and technicians while being pampered for the day. The MTI students were able to receive required credit for program completion by performing the skills they are learning. Everyone had a great time,” said Cantrell.

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.

Photo: Girl Scout Amber VanOosting relaxes while MTI Cosmetology student Turquoise Mabry styles her hair.

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