

## **MTI health students win 10 medals at nationals**

*(Bradenton, FL—June 28, 2010)* The Manatee Technical Institute East Campus had the honor of sending 23 postsecondary state champions to the 2010 Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) National Leadership Conference in Orlando, June 22 through 26 at Disney's Coronado Springs Conference Center. On June 26, ten of them earned first, second, or third place national postsecondary medals while eight more were recognized as among the top ten in the nation.

This conference was the largest HOSA NLC on record with approximately 7,000 in attendance. Each of the students competed in various health-related or leadership events to showcase their skills and talents developed during their health-career preparation programs at MTI.

MTI HOSA Chapter Advisor Kim Bland said that while the members were there to compete with hopes of winning a medal, all came away realizing that it is the process rather than the final result that is the most important and most respected part of the experience.

**HOSA is a national student organization whose mission is to promote career opportunities in health care and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people.**

MTI HOSA NLC Medal Winners:

Gold Medal: Heather Allen, Medical Reading (Surgical Technology Program)

Gold Medal: Tiffany Gardner, Medical Reading (Surgical Technology Program)

Gold Medal: Angela Pierce, Medical Reading (Surgical Technology Program)

Silver Medal: Lindsay Willey, Dental Assisting (Dental Assisting Program)

Silver Medal: Ashleigh Franklin, Dental Spelling (Dental Assisting Program)

Silver Medal: Kellie Kilppel, Dental Terminology (Dental Assisting Program)

Silver Medal: Harley Kroll, Creative Problem Solving (Massage Therapy Program)

Silver Medal: Darius Maboudi, Creative Problem Solving (Massage Therapy Program)

Silver Medal: Jonathan Robinson, Creative Problem Solving (Paramedic Program)

Bronze Medal: Rachel Flenniken, Dental Spelling (Dental Assisting Program)

*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 seven years.*

PHOTO: MTI Health Occupations Students competing at national HOSA competition (standing L to R): Courtney Cournan, Rachel Flenniken, Marly Arias, Lindsay Willey, Michael Bolotin, Brittany Eason, Tiffany Gardner, Harley Kroll, Angela Pierce, Heather Allen, Jorge Arroyo, Kellie Kilppel; (kneeling L to R): Jonathan Robinson and Darius Maboudi.

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