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MTI Inducts 160 Students into National Technical Honor Society

(Bradenton, FL—April 13, 2011) Manatee Technical Institute inducted 160 students into the National Technical Honor Society last night in the Bayshore High School Gymnasium. Induction into the honor society is one of America's highest awards for excellence in career and technical education.

The 160 were nominated by their instructors for their skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship and leadership. They represent the top eight percent of the students currently enrolled in postsecondary career-preparation programs at MTI.

In her opening remarks, MTI director Dr. Mary Cantrell acknowledged nursing student and NTHS inductee Amy Hamilton for saving a man's life last week. Cantrell lauded Hamilton a hero and beamed with pride at all the future heroes being inducted.

Doug Wagner, director of Adult, Career and Technical Education for the School District of Manatee County, addressed the inductees on behalf of the Superintendent and School Board. He encouraged them with optimistic projections of future job opportunities and congratulated them on their diligence and dedication.

Wagner, Cantrell, MTI assistant directors Sue Downs and Linda Agresta and program instructors congratulated each student as they received their NTHS pins.

MTI guidance counselor and NTHS advisor Vickie Miller led the ceremony assisted by career counselors Ronai Krugh and Terri Parrish. Students recited the pledge of membership in unison before joining their families for cake and punch.

About National Technical Honor Society

The National Technical Honor Society is a leader in the recognition of outstanding student achievement in career and technical education. Thousands of schools and colleges throughout the U.S. and its territories have a chapter of the honor society on their campus. NTHS encourages higher scholastic achievement, cultivates a desire for personal excellence, and helps top students find success in today's highly competitive workplace.

About Manatee Technical Institute

Manatee Technical Institute is fully accredited by the Council on Occupational Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. It is a postsecondary career and technical education center under the School District of Manatee County offering over 40 career preparation programs. 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 its students have won more SkillsUSA medals than any other school in the nation for the past seven years.