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MTI's Automotive Program Re-Certified

(Bradenton, FL—April 14, 2009) Manatee Technical Institute's Automotive Service Technology program has received re-certification by NATEF and the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).

MTI's areas of certification are Automatic Transmission & Transaxle, Brakes, Electrical Electronic Systems, Engine Performance, Engine Repair, Heating and Air Conditioning, Manual Drive Train & Axles, Suspension & Steering.

To achieve this coveted recognition, the school's automotive training program underwent rigorous evaluation by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF). Nationally accepted standards of excellence in areas such as instruction, facilities, and equipment were used.

NATEF Chair Donald Seyfer said, "This program increases cooperation between local education and industry leaders; it gives added assurance that MTI's graduates will be employable entry-level technicians. As a result of the quality education provided by MTI, the public will benefit since better prepared technicians will join the workforce."

Upon completion of the evaluation, NATEF recommended that MTI be certified by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). ASE is a national non-profit organization which tests and certifies repair technicians, in addition to certifying automotive training programs.

Cecil Trumbo, automotive department head, added, "At MTI, students are assured of a quality education, and shop owners and dealerships are assured of getting top quality applicants." The program serves both high school and post-secondary adult students.

MTI's automotive program was first certified in 1993. The school is re-evaluated every five years to maintain certification. This is the third time the school has earned re-certification.

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 five years.

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