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## **MANATEE TECH HOSTS 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF** *“Animation Sensation” themed event to benefit United Way*

**Bradenton, FL (October 13, 2011)** – Manatee Technical Institute’s Chili Cook Off is back and better than ever! This year, the theme is “Animation Sensation.” From Captain America to Alice in Wonderland, the MTI students and staff will be representing their favorite animated shows and comics for a good cause.

At the event, participants will enter their chili to compete for the first place title. There will also be a foot race battle where students will race hand-crafted, cardboard vehicles. The race will include qualifying heats, two pit stops, and a trip down Victory Lane. Live entertainment will be provided by Eric vonHahmann, straight from Jimmy Buffett’s Margaritaville in Orlando. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit United Way.

The event will be held at Manatee Technical Institute, 5603 34<sup>th</sup> Street West, Bradenton, Thursday, November 3, 2011 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$5. The public is invited to enjoy the food, the fun, and the action-packed racing! For more information on the fundraiser or to purchase tickets, please contact Heather Humphrey at (941) 751-7900 ext. 2243.

### **About Manatee Technical Institute**

Manatee Technical Institute is a postsecondary career and technical education center under the School District of Manatee County offering over 40 career preparation programs. It is fully accredited by the Council on Occupational Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. 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 eight years.

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