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Fire Festival Drew Huge Crowd at MTI East

Day of Beauty a Success at MTI Main Campus

(Bradenton, FL—April 14, 2009) The Manatee Technical Institute Fire Academy SkillsUSA students attracted a crowd of over 700 parents and children for MTI's first Fire Festival, held at the East Campus facility on April 4, 2009. Children got to wear turn-out gear to look just like real fire fighters, crawl through a training maze, ride a fire engine, and spray water from a real fire hose.

Excitement was high, not just for the children, but also for the adults who attended. Serving as a fund-raiser, the event raised over \$2,000 to help send students to the national SkillsUSA Championships in Kansas City in June.

SkillsUSA is an international organization that promotes excellence, employability skills, and ethics to students in career and technical education to better prepare them for successful careers. For the past five years, MTI has exceeded all other schools by winning the most medals in the state and the nation.

Earlier in the year, the Cosmetology SkillsUSA students on the Main Campus held a Day of Beauty, and made \$1,400 to send students to national competition. The students put together spa packages, which included shampoos, cuts and styles, massages, manicures, pedicures, facials, and a light gourmet lunch (prepared by MTI Culinary Arts students).

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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