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## **Manatee Technical Institute hosts Health Literacy Fair for students**

MTI joins forces with BlueCross BlueShield and the Florida Literacy Coalition

**(Bradenton, FL—March 28, 2011)** On Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, Manatee Technical Institute hosted the 2011 Florida BlueCross BlueShield Health Literacy Fair. The goal of this fair was to provide health-education resources for local adult English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and family literacy programs so that students in these programs can make informed choices about their health and nutrition.

At the fair, student volunteers from MTI's LPN, EMT, and Dental Assisting programs discussed ways to stay healthy. Other MTI students discussed The Florida Literacy Coalition's *Staying Healthy: An English Learner's Guide to Health Care and Healthy Living*. Representatives from Manatee Rural Health were also available to speak with students. There was a CPR demonstration, a presentation on how to properly brush and floss, and blood pressure checks. The Manatee Health Department offered a HIV/STD screening station.

The fair was held at MTI's Main Campus, 5603 34<sup>th</sup> Street West, Bradenton, in the Leatherman Auditorium from 9:45 – 11:15am.

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### **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.

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