

MTI Inducts 128 in National Technical Honor Society

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Manatee Technical Institute inducted 128 students into the National Technical Honor Society on March 31, 2009. It was the largest group of inductees since the school started the honor society chapter in 1997.

The 128 were nominated by their instructors for their skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship and leadership. They represent the top seven percent of the 1,930 students currently enrolled in career preparation certificate programs at MTI. The motto of the NTHS is “Success Favors the Prepared Mind.”

Superintendent Tim McGonegal, assistant superintendent Herb Tschappat, and school board member Harry Kinnan congratulated each student as they received their pin.

McGonegal thanked the students’ instructors for their role in the students’ success. Tschappat acknowledged the students “self-directed pursuit of knowledge,” their ability to set and achieve goals, and their dedication to life-long learning. Adult, Career and Technical Education director Doug Wagner related the story of former President Herbert Hoover’s path to success and encouraged them to reach for even higher levels of success in their lives. MTI director Mary Cantrell made opening and closing remarks.

MTI guidance counselor and NTHS advisor Vickie Miller led the ceremony assisted by career counselors Ronai Krugh, Kathy Matthews and Terri Parrish.

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.

Photo: MTI business technology student Suzanne Gebhardt lights fellow student Debra Johnson’s candle during the MTI National Technical Honor Society induction. The candle-lighting ceremony symbolizes passing the light of knowledge. Over 125 MTI students pledged to uphold the standards of the national organization on March 31, 2009.