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## **Campus Lion's Club chartered—first in district**

*(Bradenton, FL—April 13, 2010)* The Manatee Technical Institute chapter of the Bradenton Lion's Club was recognized for its new charter last night by the International Association of Lions Clubs, District 35-I. The chapter is the first student charter in the 12-county district.

District Governor Paul Nash installed the officers, inducted the members and presented the charter to the newly installed president, MTI accounting operations student Teresa Slack.

Also installed were MTI business technology students Debra Hancock, first vice-president; Janet Bautista, secretary; and Margaret Mosher, Treasurer.

Slack said student chapter members have administered basic vision exams and diabetes screenings to about 150 migrant workers in Parrish for Vision of Hope, to about 300 MTI students, and to over 200 Head Start families in Myakka since the chapter was chartered in February.

In his keynote speech, Past District Governor Louis Cantrell shared with the students the speech given by Helen Keller to the Lions International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, on June 30, 1925. That historical speech ignited the Lions Club to begin its work to help the blind and visually impaired.

The Bradenton Lions Club sponsored the dinner. For more information, please contact the student chapter advisor Sheryl Griggy at (941) 751-7900 ext 2020, [griggys@manateeschools.net](mailto:griggys@manateeschools.net).

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 six years.

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