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## ***MTI Hosts 10th Annual Multicultural Festival***

*The Farmworker Education and Services Program celebrates cultural diversity and raises money for scholarships*

*(Bradenton, FL—September 22, 2009)* The Farmworker Education and Services Program, the Latino community, and Manatee Technical Institute are proud to present the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Multicultural Festival. The event will take place Friday, November 13, 2009 at Manatee Technical Institute’s Main Campus located at 5603 34<sup>th</sup> Street West, Bradenton from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm. The festival is open to the public and is free of charge. A live band will play Latin music and various vendors will provide ethnic food.

The Multicultural Festival and MTI Open House offer a unique experience; cultures are showcased while the public has the opportunity to tour the MTI campus and learn more about career opportunities.

The Multicultural festival celebrates the cultural diversity in the community, marks the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Farmworker Education and Services Program in Manatee County, and raises money for the Farmworker Emergency and Scholarship Fund. This fund is used to support farmworker families in crisis situations and provides the families with food, shelter, and health services. Funds also provide scholarships for students.

The Farmworkers Education and Services Program of Manatee County is a government organization that assists those who have worked or are currently employed in agriculture in the last two years. The Farmworkers Education Program helps clients learn English, improve reading and math skills, learn a job skill, get a high school diploma, and become employed in a full time, year round career.

For more information, please call the Farmworker Education and Services Program at 751-7947, or 751-7900 ext. 2165, or stop by the office on the MTI campus.

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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