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## ***MTI students are on their way to Nationals!***

***(Bradenton, FL—June 18, 2009)*** Manatee Technical Institute's SkillsUSA students depart Manatee County on Sunday for Kansas City, Missouri, where the national SkillsUSA Championships are being held June 22 through 26, 2009. Florida is sending 425 delegates; of those, 177 are from MTI.

MTI has its sights on winning more medals than any other school in the nation for the sixth year in a row.

For the first time ever, the community can follow the excitement. To view the SkillsUSA Opening Ceremony broadcast on Tuesday, June 23 beginning at 7:00 p.m. EST, go to: [www.ustream.tv/channel/skillsusa09-opening](http://www.ustream.tv/channel/skillsusa09-opening). To view the SkillsUSA Awards Ceremony on Friday, June 26 beginning at 6:00 p.m. EST, go to: [www.ustream.tv/channel/skillsusa09-awards](http://www.ustream.tv/channel/skillsusa09-awards).

Of the 138 MTI students representing the school and the State of Florida at the national competition, 94 are adult students and 44 are high school students at MTI.

MTI is grateful to the following **sponsors**, whose generous donations have made it possible for students to compete: *Platinum:* Savannah Preserve, Buchanan Family Foundation, Mary Cantrell; *Gold:* Coastal Construction SW, Medallion Homes, MTI SkillsUSA Advisors Team; *Silver:* S&B Metal Products, Florida Power & Light, Sun Pinnacle Title of Florida,

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Southern Comfort One-Hour Air Conditioning, NDC Construction;  
*Bronze:* Precision Elevator, Vertical Blind Outlet, CSU Security Inc., AMI,  
Aquagenix (DeAngelo Bros.), Interior Floors, Turner Tree & Landscape,  
Tropix/Plant Partners, Water Boy, Ed Reid Builders Inc., Glass Advertising,  
Signs in One Day, Realtor Catherine Lamphier, Maura Howl, the MTI Dental  
Assisting Class; *Friends:* Westwind Air, and Performance Printers.

Go to <http://www.skillsusa.org/about/presskit/championships.shtml>  
for a full press kit.

*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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