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MTI Students Win Big at Regional SkillsUSA Contest

(Bradenton, FL—February 25, 2009) Manatee Technical Institute won more medals than any other school in the Florida SkillsUSA Region IV Conference held at Pinellas Technical Education Centers in St. Pete and Clearwater on February 19 and 20, 2009. MTI students swept up 100 awards.

PTec ranked second with 64 medals (both campuses combined). Over 790 students from 28 west-coast schools (New Port Richey to Fort Myers) competed in the regional competition—205 students were from MTI.

MTI students took home 41 gold medals, 32 silver medals, and 27 bronze. The MTI students will advance to the State Conference to be hosted by MTI April 20 through 22. Many MTI students did not face competition at the regional level; these students will join their teammates at state competition.

The national competition will be held in June in Kansas City. For the past five years, MTI has exceeded all other schools by winning the most medals in the nation.

SkillsUSA is an international organization that promotes excellence, employability skills, and ethics to students in career and technical education to better prepare them for successful careers. Judges for all competitions are from business and industry.

See attached list of winners.

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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