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We hope you can join us as we celebrate youth leadership at Manatee Technical Institute!

Manatee Technical Institute, Manatee County's nationally recognized postsecondary education training center, has been selected from more than 500 applicants, nationwide, to be awarded \$100,000 in service learning grant money from the **State Farm Youth Advisory Board!** Manatee Technical Institute will construct solar carports. The electricity generated will provide emergency power for disaster relief, to replace power from oil fired power plants and to charge the batteries of electric cars and plug-in hybrids.

Please join us on International Corporate Philanthropy Day as State Farm representatives present Manatee Technical Institute with the grant award:

Solar Carport Construction Grant in the amount of \$100,000

Monday, February 23

10:00 am

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The State Farm Youth Advisory Board is comprised of 30 students, ages 17-20, from across the United States and Canada. They are charged with helping State Farm design and implement a \$5 million-a-year signature service-learning initiative to address issues important to State Farm and communities across the United States and Canada.

Manatee Technical Institute is recognized as leading the nation for five years in a row for winning the more medals than any other school in the United States at the SkillsUSA Championships, the largest career and technical student organization in the nation. MTI is a fully accredited postsecondary career and technical education center offering programs for preparation in over 40 careers. MTI also leads the state in the number of third-party industry certifications it offers; these certifications are the gold standard.

Construction trades programs in electricity, carpentry, and welding will be expanded to add alternative energy technology to the curriculum. Students will be responsible for the construction and installation of the carports, as well as the electrical wiring. MTI will be using engineered diagrams to ensure that the structures are able to withstand 130 mph winds. Thanks to State Farm Youth Advisory Board support, MTI will teach the value of alternative energy technology to give students the skills they will need to succeed in the workplace as construction companies continue to evolve as stewards of the environment.

Please RSVP to Maura C. Howl, MTI's Grants & Public Relations Specialist, at 941-751-7900, ext. 2095, or howlmc@manateeschools.net.