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MTI New Options program looking for mentors

(Bradenton, FL—March 18, 2010) The Manatee Technical Institute New Options program is looking for volunteer mentors to serve as role models for students age 35 and older.

Mentors will be asked to encourage and help motivate non-traditional aged students to finish school or training to enter the world of work.

New Options students are typically displaced homemakers entering the workforce for the first time ever or in many years. The majority of students are female, many of whom are over the age of 45.

Other topics mentors will address are dressing for success, employability skills, job retention, and the challenges of juggling work and family.

New Options provides career counseling to qualified individuals to assist them in obtaining a career and becoming financially independent.

The coordinator of the New Options program will work closely with mentors to prepare them for their role and give them support during the process.

For more information please contact New Options coordinator Dr. Dianne Perry at (941) 751-7900, ext. 2197, or perryd@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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