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MTI students are on their way to Nationals!

(Bradenton, FL—June 10, 2010) Manatee Technical Institute's SkillsUSA students depart Manatee County on Sunday, June 20, for Kansas City, Missouri, where the National SkillsUSA Championships are being held June 21 through 25, 2010. Florida is sending 475 delegates; of those, 211 are from MTI.

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

Of the 156 MTI students representing the school and the State of Florida at the national competition, 108 are adult students and 48 are high school students at MTI.

The SkillsUSA Championships is the national-level competition for public high schools and college/postsecondary students enrolled in career and technical education programs. This year over 5,400 students will compete in 96 contests. SkillsUSA organizes this event, and it is considered the single greatest day of industry volunteerism in America every year at an estimated cost of more than \$35 million. The contest area covered is the equivalent to more than 16 football fields.

MTI will also be sending 31 Health Occupation Students of America medalists to the National HOSA Conference, which will be held in Orlando June 23 to 26. This is the largest number of students MTI has ever had competing at the national level in HOSA.

Both SkillsUSA and HOSA are **national career and technical student organizations whose missions include promoting excellence, employability skills, ethics, and career opportunities.**

Go to <http://www.skillsusa.org/about/presskit/championships.shtml> for a full SkillsUSA press kit or click on this link to see what the SkillsUSA Championships are all about: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y3prheRqVMg>.

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.