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## **Veterans' Run, Medicine Take-Back, Wine Fest, Bones on the Bayou**

Students involved in these fundraisers and community service efforts this weekend

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### **Law Enforcement Students to Hold 5K Run for Veteran's Day**

Manatee Technical Institute's Law Enforcement Academy will hold its second annual 5K Veterans Day Challenge and one-mile walk on Saturday, November 13. The run is intended to honor all Veterans. Law enforcement basic recruits will be running along side all participants. The funds raised will help send students to national SkillsUSA competition. The first 100 receive race t-shirts, and the first-place male and female runners will win a \$50 Visa gift card. Registration is at 7 a.m.; the race starts at 7:30 a.m. Pre-registration is \$20; registration is \$25 the day of the race. The race will be held at MTI East Campus, 5540 Lakewood Ranch Boulevard, Bradenton, 34211. To register or for more information, contact Pat Proudler, 941-751-8479, ext. 2015, or [proudlerp@manateeschools.net](mailto:proudlerp@manateeschools.net).

### **Pharmacy Tech Students to Track Meds at *Medicine Take-Back***

SkillsUSA Pharmacy Tech students from Manatee Technical Institute will be participating in the USF *Medicine Take-Back* event this Saturday, November 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The MTI Pharmacy Technician students will track the medicines that come in; they will keep track of the names of the medicines and how much of each are being turned in. USF Sarasota-Manatee Student Government Association in partnership with Sarasota Bay Estuary Program is hosting the first ever *Environmental Fair* and *Medicine Take-Back* event. To help protect Sarasota Bay, the public is encouraged to empty their medicine cabinets and bring all of their unused and expired medications to be disposed of properly. The MTI Pharmacy Tech students are members of the career and technical student organization, SkillsUSA, and will be performing the service as a service learning and community service project. The event is being held at USF Sarasota-Manatee at 8350 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, 34243.

### **Culinary Arts Students to Cook for Wine Fest and *Bones on the Bayou***

SkillsUSA Culinary Arts students from Manatee Technical Institute will be participating in two charity benefits this Saturday, November 13. From noon to 3 p.m., twenty MTI students will be preparing and presenting classical and contemporary dishes at the *Suncoast Food and Wine Festival* at the Sarasota Polo Grounds. The event is organized by the Rotary Club of Lakewood Ranch to raise funds for local charities. Later that evening, from 6 to 10 p.m., ten of the culinary arts students will be preparing New Orleans inspired cuisine at *Bones on the Bayou*. The fundraiser will benefit the Florida Arthritis Foundation. For more information, contact Mr. Dana Johnson, Baking & Pastry Chef Instructor, Manatee Technical Institute, [johnson2d@manateeschools.net](mailto:johnson2d@manateeschools.net) or 751-9000, x2113.

### **About Manatee Technical Institute**

Manatee Technical Institute is fully accredited by the Council on Occupational Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. It is a postsecondary career and technical education center under the School District of Manatee County offering over 40 career preparation programs. 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 its students have won more SkillsUSA medals than any other school in the nation for the past seven years.

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