



Alumni Association News

Reminisce on the past. Connect with the present. Strengthen the future. Get started today!

Volume 1 Number 1

Quarterly Newsletter

MTI Alumni Association Hosts Open Houses

MTI Alumni Association recently held Open Houses on both the Main and East Campuses to introduce the Association's officers and Board of Directors to MTI graduates. We are proud to announce that 100% of those attending became members during these events. We welcome these new members and look forward to having them become involved as MTIAA advances its mission to benefit the alumni and MTI.



1. MTI AA Membership Committee Chair Kim Bland, left, describes benefits of membership to new members. 2. MTI AA Board Member Earl Stockton and MTI AA Work/Study Student Mary Gaffny prepare to greet guests at the MTI AA Open House held at East Campus on May 8th. 3. Alumni apply for MTI AA membership during the Main Campus Open House.

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OFFICERS

Mike Bryant, President

*Vice President,
Fawley-Bryant Architects*

Tim Hyden, President-Elect

*Training/Safety Officer,
East Manatee Fire Rescue*

Hilda Bravo Torres, Secretary

President, Bravo Immigration Services

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Communications Committee

Steve Ausborn

BIM/IT Manager, Bessolo Design Group

Membership Committee

Kimberly Bland

*Program Director, Dental Assisting
Manatee Technical Institute*

BOARD MEMBERS

Mary Chilton

*Economic Development Council
of Manatee County*

Cameo Ewing

*2012 Graduate,
MTI Massage Therapy Program*

Mary Knight

President, Computer Essentials

Kathy Matthews

*Career Counselor,
Manatee Technical Institute*

Jormarie Mere-Beaman

*Recruitment & Retention Specialist,
School District of Manatee County*

Michael Rushing

*Law Enforcement Academy Director,
Manatee Technical Institute*

Jacob Sauer

East Manatee Fire Rescue

Earl Stockton

*Environmental Health/Safety Officer
Scientific Diving Program Administrator
Mote Marine Laboratory*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Virginia Sirocky,

MTI Alumni Association

The Mission of the MTI Alumni Association

- To foster a sense of pride in and commitment to MTI while enhancing its reputation and prestige.
- To provide a vehicle by which alumni may be re-engaged with MTI.
- To offer networking and other opportunities for MTI alumni.
- To offer mentoring, career seminars and job fairs for alumni and students.
- To ensure the on-going recognition of outstanding achievements by alumni, students, faculty and friends of MTI.
- To strengthen MTI corporate and community partnerships as well as to actively give back to the community.
- To strengthen legislative advocacy for MTI.
- To develop greater resources for MTI in order further its mission.



*MTI AA President-Elect Tim Hyden, MTI Director Dr. Mary Cantrell,
and MTI AA President Mike Bryant.*

Benefits of Membership

- Job Postings
- MTI Matters
- Board and/or Committee Membership
- Job/Career Fairs
- Career Enhancement Workshops & Seminars
- Networking Events
- Image Enhancement Workshops & Seminars
- Mentoring Program
- MTI Alumni News E-zine
- First Responders Challenge
- Others TBD

Check Out *MTI Matters*

MTI Matters is a series of programs focusing on alumni of Manatee Technical Institute and how their training at MTI has made a difference in their lives. This series is produced monthly as a joint initiative between METV and the MTI Alumni Association. To view episodes check your local cable listings for METV or log on to www.mtialumniassociation.org and click on Featured Alumni to see where some of your fellow graduates are today and how MTI matters to them, their families and the community.

Stories Currently Available

Kevin McGrath: Take off into the wild blue yonder with this technical sergeant as he accompanies and maintains his military aircraft around the world.

The Torres Family: Meet Mother Hilda; Father Ramon, Sr.; Son Ramon, Jr.; and Daughter Elizabeth, all MTI graduates.

Welding Women: Learn how Brenda Cook and Heide Parsons have turned their MTI-acquired welding skills into an artistic commercial enterprise.

SkillsUSA: Catch the excitement as students from technical schools across Florida compete for the state SkillsUSA championship.

Jamie Gregorich & Dana Johnson: Get behind the scenes scuttlebutt on Chef Jamie's experience as a contestant on *Hell's Kitchen* and the lowdown on Chef Dana's newly created Pastry Curriculum for MTI's Culinary Program.

New MTI Campus: Grab a sneak peek at progress on construction of the new MTI campus with MTI alumnus **Mike Bryant** (project architect) and MTI alumnus **Steve Ausborn** (project CAD designer).

Follow MTI Firefighter and Fire Rescue Team Member **Steve Ryckman** and his colleagues through a typical day on the job.

If you would like to share your story of why MTI matters to you, please contact us at MTIalum@manateeschools.net or (941) 751-7900, extension 2231.



MTI AA Director Virginia Sirocky and MTI AA Board President Mike Bryant chat during the East Campus Open House.

Show Your MTI Pride

The Manatee Technical Institute Alumni Association is all about pride - pride in MTI, pride in being affiliated with the nine time SkillsUSA Champion, and pride in how your training from MTI has benefitted you, your family and your community. Whether you are an MTI alum or a friend of MTI, membership in the MTI Alumni Association is the perfect way to show your MTI pride. Your membership is also a vote for the value of an MTI education and enables the Alumni Association to do great things for its alumni, students and *alma mater*.





ALUMNI MTI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

FIRST RESPONDERS

CHALLENGE



MTI

LAKEWOOD
RANCH
CAMPUS

SATURDAY
NOV. 10TH 2012

SEE LOCAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT
FIRE & EMS
COMPETE IN PHYSICAL COMPETITIONS
EXHIBITIONS & DEMONSTRATIONS!

FAMILY & KIDS
WELCOME!

ALL PROCEEDS
WILL HELP DEFER
COSTS OF SENDING
MTI STUDENTS TO
SKILLSUSA AND HOSA.

SPONSORED BY:

See page 8 for more information on sponsorship.

Become a Founding Member

Active: All persons having completed at least one MTI program as well as current MTI faculty and staff.

___ \$10 per year (can increase)

___ \$50 (covers five years no increase)

___ \$30 (covers three years with no increase; only available at special events)

Associate: Persons not having enrolled in or completed programs at MTI such as past faculty and staff; parents of students and alumni and other friends of MTI as well as those persons having completed only a course at MTI.

___ \$20 per year (can increase)

Life Membership: Life membership shall be granted to eligible members upon payment of the one-time designated life member fee.

___ \$100 (available at any time, but previously-paid dues are not cumulative.)

Founding Membership: Those eligible for Active, Associate or Life Membership, and who join the Association within the first fiscal year (2012 - 2013) and remain as Active, Associate or Life members, shall be deemed Founding Members.

Name: _____ Graduation Year _____

Address _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

MTI Program(s) Completed: _____

Current Employer: _____

Current Position: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Remember: The MTI Alumni Association is only as strong as its membership, so your participation is vital to its success. Please indicate below those activities where you'd like to become involved and/or suggest activities that you believe would benefit you and your fellow alumni.

___ First Responders Challenge ___ Networking Events ___ Mentoring ___ Reunions

___ Career Enhancement Workshops & Seminars ___ Image Enhancement Workshops

___ Membership Committee ___ Communications Committee ___ Website & FaceBook

___ My suggestion: _____

Please complete and mail with your dues payment to MTI Alumni Association, 5603 34th St. W., Bradenton, FL 34210. Make checks payable to MTI Alumni Association. Or, log on to www.mtialumniassociation.org and join through PayPal.

Welcome New Members!

Newest Founding MTI AA Members as of June 30, 2012

Founding Life Members

Steve Ausborn
Kimberly Bland
Mike Bryant
Dr. Mary Cantrell
Tim Hyden
Michael Rushing
Earl Stockton
Elizabeth Torres
Hilda Bravo Torres
Ramon Torres, Jr.
Martin George Wiley

Founding Associate Member

Miguel Morales Garroquin

Founding Active Member: Three Year

Melody Kelley

Founding Active Members

Brenda Ayers
Mary Chilton
Jackie Coots
Michelle Coots
Shirley Crawford
Sue Downs
Joel Hall
Teresa Herbst
Kristal Holmes
Maura Howl
Dana Johnson
Ronai Krugh
Marianne G. Kusen
Deirdre McRae
Anita Orth
Elizabeth Swift
Doug Wagner

Founding Active Members: 2012 Business Technology Graduates

Sharon Dunbar Lewis
Aaron Nathanael Lewis
Melissa Salinas
Vanessa A. Galindo
Veronica Arellano DeCastro
Kelly Grimm
Bona Manplaisir Hallman
Mary Gaffny
Kendra Anderson
Domenick Vellone
LaShanna Bing
Oliver J. Freeman
Sandra Philoche
Sharon Smith
Harriet Portillo Gonzalez
Reyna Grillo
Cynthia Mische
Miguel A. Salvador
Cynthia Aquino Chicas
Paula Laza-Moreno
Yadira Santamaria
Nancy Papacios
Alejandra Rodriguez Otiz
Tashanya Levatte

Founding Active Members: 2012 Web Design Graduates

James Epaves
Carla Shawn Heidner
Michael J. Gifford
Carlos Martorell
Sheri Roulean
Colleen Sellers
Michael Williams

Welcome New Members!

Newest Founding MTI AA Members as of June 30, 2012

Founding Active Members: 2012 Cosmetology Graduates

Sidney Amerson
Vanessa Benavidas
Shelia Bing
Jessica Brubaker
Jadyn Cannatello
Charles Casey
Jacqueline Castellanos
Nadean Cowsert
Carlos M. Delvalle
Sherri Eaker
Adrianna Elliott
Jessica Fraga
Michelle Gross
Francisca Herrera
Juan Adan
Sara McKay
Lyndsey Peek
Philip Poreia
Jessica Turner
Dina Volynsky Wetherell

Founding Active Members: 2012 Massage Therapy Graduates

Lisa Amundizi
Kara Carrano
Cameo Ewing
Maria-Elena Garcia
Rachel Hinton
Alexander Hurt
David Lutz
Sonia Molina
Stormi Robertson
Stacy Saylor
Samantha Sours

Founding Active Members: 2012 Electronics Graduates

Jackie Conner
Brad Cooper

Founding Active Members: 2012 Medical Coding & Billing Graduates

Sarah Espino
Lisa Giumme
Jessica Guilmet
Elizabeth Hernandez
Jessica Lamb
Giselle Quinonex
Anyelly Ramirez
Angelita Rodrigues
Chelsi Trout
Brenda Wade
Erica Williams
Lynn Woolf

Founding Active Members : 2012 Networking Graduates

Manuel V. Angulo
Obed Cedillo
Jean Edva Colon
Gary Davis
Tony Dixon
Alex Fuson
Reginald Green
Derrien Hawkins
Derek Logan
Juan Lopez
Sergio Medina
Jaime Robles
Scott Steiner
Willie Webster
Cody Wimmer



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FIRST RESPONDERS CHALLENGE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Did the poster on Page 4 grab your attention? Here's how you can ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE...

\$15,000 - Presenting Sponsor (one sponsor)

- Top billing on all promotions & collateral
- Banner at event
- Logo & link on MTI AA website
- Post-event collateral
- Promotion/flyer on campuses
- Booth at event
- Thank You (personal & *Alumni News*)

\$2500 - Patrons

- Logo on Poster
- Logo & link on Website
- Logo on Tee Shirt
- Mention at Event
- Small banner at event
- Thank You (Personal & *Alumni News*)

\$1000 - Contributors

- Logo on Website
- Logo on Tee Shirt
- Mention at Event
- Thank You (Personal & *Alumni News*)

\$ Other Amounts - Friends

- Thank You (Personal & *Alumni News*)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

"When I started my first day in the MTI drafting program as a high school student I could never have imagined that one day I would be the architect for not one, but two, MTI campuses," says MTI alumnus Mike Bryant, Vice President of Fawley-Bryant Architects.

He is also President of the MTI Alumni Association and serves on the Board of Directors of the MTI Foundation.

"MTI has been a major influence in my life and the School District of Manatee County has been generous to my firm so I believe it is my duty to return all the good that has been given to me. As a high school student I needed direction in my life which I found through a mentor at MTI whose guidance kick-started my journey to where I am today. I am proud to help found the MTI Alumni Association which offers the opportunity for all MTI graduates to give back as well as to provide scholarships and other assistance for current students."



Help spread the word!

Remember, the MTIAA is only as strong as its membership, so please use your social media to help spread the word about MTI Alumni Association.

Contact Director Virginia Sirocky

Website: www.mtialumniassociation.org

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(include this in your contact list)

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