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To: All MTC Students and Prospective Students

Midlands Technical College is committed to ensuring safety and security for the MTC community. We take pride in having a safe campus where the focus is on learning and student success.

Each year, colleges and universities in the United States are required to report crimes for the most recent year and the two prior years. The Midlands Technical College Annual Security Report has been placed on the MTC website under the "Crime and Security Reports" section of the "About MTC" link on the college's home page; in the October 2009 online student newspaper, Pony Express, and in campus libraries. You can access this report directly by going to <http://www.midlandstech.edu/security.htm>.

We are pleased to report that Midlands Technical College continues to have a very positive safety record. However, we encourage all members of the college community to be diligent regarding personal safety and to report any unusual activities to MTC Security.

MTC engages in multiple initiatives to provide a safe and secure environment. A standing Security Committee meets bi-monthly to review and implement new security measures throughout Midlands Technical College campuses. The college also has a Business Continuity Committee that develops, updates and implements disaster and emergency processes. MTC campus security officers work closely with local law enforcement personnel and participate in joint planning efforts.

Midlands Technical College employs more than 35 security officers on its campuses, providing 24/7 security on Airport and Beltline Campuses. During the last several years, the college installed more than 350 security cameras throughout its facilities and grounds. In addition, the college invested \$1.8 million in exterior lighting enhancements and provided additional and more visible security emergency call boxes in MTC parking lots. The college also purchased a text messaging system to provide emergency alerts to students. If you have not already signed up for this service, please go to www.midlandstech.edu/Phone_Alert.htm for more information and to your MTC Online account to sign up.

Communication is a key element of the college's security program. MTC has a very strong relationship with local law enforcement, and MTC security officers are connected by radio to law enforcement officials in the counties, cities and towns where college campuses are located. Relevant campus security communications are sent to the college community through MTC web site postings, MTCVNN

video displays, e-mails to student Campus Cruiser accounts and the aforementioned text-messaging system.

Midlands Technical College places a high value on the welfare of our college community. To that end, we encourage all employees and students to contribute positively to maintaining a safe and positive learning environment.

Best wishes for a great Fall 2009 semester!

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