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### Construction Technology Careers

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### CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY CAREERS PROGRAM HONORS CTC EDUCATION ADVOCATE FOR 2005

*Angie Grasberger of Manatee County School District honored for Volunteer  
Efforts*

**Angie Grasberger** was honored as the first **CTC Education Advocate** for the Construction Technology Careers Preapprenticeship initiative at its “Completers Ceremony” held May 11, 2005. The ceremony honored eight youth preapprentices and Grasberger in front of an audience of educators, apprenticeship advocates and construction industry employers from Manatee and Sarasota counties.

CTC Chairman Mark Kennell of WG Mills Inc. noted, “Angie is a tireless advocate of career and technical education and apprenticeship and does whatever it takes to recruit youths into career training during high school.”

The crystal award was presented to Grasberger by CTC Education Systems Committee Chair Dennis Neal of Advanced Masonry Systems.

“We are thrilled that Angie includes CTC in her civic involvements and we cherish her dedication and enthusiasm for CTC over the past five years,” Neal said during the presentation.

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CTC Education Advocate Award

Grasberger is a Career and Technical Education Counselor for Manatee County District Schools and is an employee of the Adult, Career and Technical (ACT) education department led by Doug Wagner. She has been involved in CTC since its inception five years ago and works on youth recruitment and eligibility certification on a weekly basis. She also serves on the CTC Council and Education Systems Committee. She was involved in the Youth Apprenticeship Council, a precursor to CTC.

Thanks to her work in the ACT department, CTC's Core curriculum is now available to youths in several Manatee High Schools as well as Manatee Technical Institute.

Grasberger is a resident of Manatee County and active in many other civic and education activities. More information on CTC is available at [www.ConstructionTechnologyCareers.org](http://www.ConstructionTechnologyCareers.org)

CTC is a unique and growing workforce development program that recruits Manatee and Sarasota youths into a high school preapprenticeship career exploration program. CTC is a partnership among the regional construction industry, the Manatee County School District, the Sarasota County School District and the Suncoast Workforce Board.

Construction Technology Careers (CTC) is driven by the construction industry to increase the number of skilled workers in the regional construction trades. By choosing a preapprenticeship program, high school students build their skills, make valuable contacts in the construction industry and earn high school and/or OJT credit. Fifty-three youths participated in CTC this past school year. More information is available at [www.ConstructionTechnologyCareers.org](http://www.ConstructionTechnologyCareers.org).



*Manatee County Commissioner Donna Hayes, CTC Education Advocate Angie Grasberger, Manatee School Board Member Barbara Harvey, Executive Director of the Suncoast Workforce Board Mary Helen Kress and CTC Chairman Mark Kennell.*

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