Madison College to Hold “Topping Out” Ceremony
Construction Beam to be Raised into Place

(MADISON) April 20, 2012 – Covered with hundreds of signatures, well wishes and artwork from students, faculty and staff, a 15-foot construction beam will be raised and then placed in Madison Area Technical College’s new Gateway building on Tuesday, April 24.

The “topping out” ceremony, which begins at 12:15 p.m., is a construction milestone that marks when the final piece of the structural frame is put on a building. The ceremony can be traced to the ancient Scandinavian practice of placing a tree atop a new building to make peace with the spirits of displaced ancestors.

“This is a historic and exciting time for the College,” says Madison College President Bettsey Barhors. “We’re especially proud that 40 percent of the trade workers involved with the Truax campus construction project received their training at Madison College.”

For the latest on Madison College’s campus building projects, visit http://matcmadison.edu/construction-update.

Madison Area Technical College, celebrating its centennial in 2012, provides “real world smart” education to more than 40,000 students annually through a comprehensive curriculum of technical, liberal arts and science education, adult basic education and continuing education. The College also offers customized training for employers. For more information visit www.madisoncollege.org