

Universal Technical Institute Announces Retirement of Director

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., Dec. 12, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- **Universal Technical Institute, Inc.** (NYSE: UTI), the leading provider of automotive technician training, today reported that after 15 years of service on the Board, A. Richard Caputo, has announced his retirement from the Board, effective February 19, 2013, and will not be standing for re-election as director of the Company when his current term expires.

Mr. Caputo is the longest standing independent board member having served since 1997.

"Rich has been a highly valued member of our Board through many years of change and growth for the Company," said Kimberly McWaters, chief executive officer of UTI. "I am very appreciative for the guidance and direction he has provided to UTI. He will be missed and I wish him all the best."

"I want to personally thank Rich for his many years of service on our Board," said John C. White, chairman of the Company's Board of Directors. "We have been the fortunate beneficiary of Rich's business insights and expertise. His leadership and dedication to UTI over the last decade and a half has been invaluable."

"It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve as a director of UTI. My desire to focus on other business interests drove my decision to not seek re-election," said Richard Caputo. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the Board and wish the company continued success in the future."

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About Universal Technical Institute, Inc.

Headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona, Universal Technical Institute, Inc. (NYSE: UTI) is the leading provider of post-secondary education for students seeking careers as professional automotive, diesel, collision repair, motorcycle and marine technicians. With more than 160,000 graduates in its 47-year history, UTI offers undergraduate degree, diploma and certificate programs at 11 campuses across the United States, as well as manufacturer-specific training programs at dedicated training centers. Through its campus-based school system, UTI provides specialized post-secondary education programs under the banner of several well-known brands, including Universal Technical Institute (UTI), Motorcycle Mechanics Institute and Marine Mechanics Institute (MMI) and NASCAR Technical Institute (NASCAR Tech). To learn more about UTI and its training services, log on to www.uti.edu.

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