

August 2019

A report from the August 2019 meeting of EASTERN's Joint Operating Committee. EASTERN is a part of the school districts of Abington, Bryn Athyn, Cheltenham, Hatboro-Horsham, Jenkintown, Lower Moreland, Springfield, Upper Dublin and Upper Moreland.

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Coming Events

Joint Committee Meeting
Seminar Room 8 PM
September 11, 2019
October 10, 2019
November 13, 2019
December 11, 2019
February 12, 2020
March 11, 2020
April 15, 2020
May 13, 2020
June 17, 2020

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Veterinary Science 2019 Graduate, Cassie Lynch, Participates in SkillsUSA National Competition

Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) 2019 Veterinary Science and Jenkintown High School graduate, Cassie Lynch, competed in the SkillsUSA National Competition for Customer Service in Louisville, KY from June 24 through June 28, 2019. The national competition is a showcase of career and technical education students in areas of technical skills and leadership. EASTERN is proud to announce that Cassie placed sixth in the nation.

"I am extremely proud of Cassie's accomplishments and her determination," said Karen McGeehan, Veterinary Science Instructor at EASTERN. "She has also set a high bar for herself and works hard to achieve her goals. Earning a spot at Nationals was an amazing way to complete her high school experience."

After receiving many acceptances, Cassie chose Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA where she will take part in their Veterinary Medical Technologist program with a concentration in Equine Nursing, known as Equi-Assist.

EASTERN's Veterinary Science program provides the opportunity to prepare for careers in the animal care industry and will provide students with a working knowledge of small animal industries. In this two-year half-day program, students will learn to support veterinarians by aiding during animal examinations; treatment administration and monitoring; managing animal and related health record information; and how to perform a range of selected practice-related duties. For more information, please visit www.eastech.org/eastern-programs/vet/.

Summer Fun Program Report

EASTERN's popular three-week summer program for middle school students, Summer Fun, is open to students entering grades seven, eight, nine, and ten. The classes, offered from June 24 through July 12, provided an enriching experience in an applied learning setting. Enrollment for 2019 reached 150 in the following classes: Art of Fashion, Auto Mechanics and Collision Repair, Computer Art and Digital Photography, Pastry Boss, Junior Chef, Junior Cosmetology, Crime Scene Investigation, Drawing and Painting, Video Game Programming, and World of Construction.

Presentation by the Executive Director

Dr. Cathleen Plesnarski, Executive Director, presented a proposal to the Joint Operating Committee to hire a School-to-Career Coordinator for the 2019-2020 school year and open a new program, Robotics and Automated Technology, for the 2020-2021 school year. The position of School-to-Career Coordinator would help connect students at EASTERN to internship opportunities, full-time employment, and post-secondary opportunities. The Robotics and Automated Technology program would enhance programming at EASTERN in high-priority and in-demand occupations.

Recommendations to actualize these goals will be presented to the Joint Operating Committee for consideration at the next JOC meeting on September 11, 2019.

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Executive Advisory Committee Activities

Mr. John Di Benedetto, EAC Chairperson, provided the Joint Operating Committee with an overview of all EAC activities over the 2018 – 2019 school year.

Membership Subcommittee

- Planned and conducted fall and spring OAC Chairpersons Meetings
- Developed the Annual Report to the Joint Operating Committee
- Added a new member, Dr. Jaime Bretz, from Montgomery County Community College
- Cosmetology Table of Organization was revised

Partnership/Perception Subcommittee

- Career Pathway designs were completed and made available to participating districts
- Student centered social media videos in nine programs were created
- Allied Health and HVAC were spotlighted during the Advisory Appreciation Brunch. AED training and HVAC efficiency tests were demonstrated.

Program Planning and Review Subcommittee

- Monitored the implementation of program changes for eight programs
- Monitored the Program Review process in Allied Health, and Automotive Technology
- Facilitated the Self-Evaluation process for Networking and Cybersecurity and Veterinary Science
- Potential new courses Exercise and Sports Science and Mechatronics

Summer Cosmetology Report

The Summer Cosmetology program was held June 24-July 29, 2019 with a total of 47 students enrolled. The program was comprised of two sessions. This year, 13 seniors completed their 1,250 cosmetology hours required for licensure in PA, and all 13 students passed their Early State Board Exam. Five students are signed up to return and complete their hours and exams as adult students.

Program Reviews

The Allied Health and Automotive Technology programs recently went under the program review process. Recommendation made for Allied Health include to seek and maintain honors status with all nine participating schools, obtaining computer-based simulation healthcare education software and laptops for student learning.

Recommendations for Automotive Technology included completion of the ASE Entry-Level Certification Program for all students, including the areas of Maintenance and Light Repair, Engine Repair, Brakes, Steering and Suspension, and Electrical/Electronic systems. Equipment replacements and additional purchase recommendations were made.

BOARD BRIEF

Memorandum of Understanding - Technical Assistance Program

The Bureau of Career and Technical Education (BCTE) Technical Assistance Program is designed to support career and technical centers and high schools with approved programs by offering these sites multiple resources at minimal cost. The purpose is to raise the academic and technical achievement of all students enrolled in career and technical education programs through professional development, coaching, and test preparation resources.

EASTERN has agreed to participate in the following activities:

- Career and Technical Distinguished School Leader
- NOCTI Pre-Tests and Study Guides
- Regional Career Pathways Partnership (NC3T)
- Pennsylvania Inspired Leadership (PIL) Program – New Director Academy - Part 1
- Pennsylvania Inspired Leadership (PIL) Program – Making CTE Personnel Decisions with a Focus on High-Quality Instruction

Executive Advisory Committee Membership for 2019 -2020

The EAC membership for 2019 – 2020 has been approved. An updated list of EAC Members can be found - www.eastech.org/eac/eac-members/.

Occupational Advisory Committee Membership for 2019 – 2020

The OAC membership for 2019 – 2020 has been approved. An updated list of OAC Members can be found - www.eastech.org/oac/.

School Nurse Selected

EASTERN welcomes Christine Ledwith as the School Nurse for the 2019 – 2020 school year. Ms. Ledwith will be replacing Lynn Musser.

SkillsUSA Fundraisers for 2019 – 2020

The Joint Operating Committee approved the following SkillsUSA fundraising activities:

- Chipwich – September 27, 2019
- Krispy Kreme – October 23, 2019
- Candy – November 4 through 27, 2019
- Hamburger – December 12, 2019
- Hot Dog – January 16, 2020
- Krispy Kreme – February 19, 2020
- Walking Tacos – March 19, 2020
- Pretzels – April 24, 2020
- Ice Cream – May 7 and May 14, 2020
- Car Detailing – May 1 through May 29, 2020
- End of Year Surplus Sale – June 12, 2020