

October 2019

A report from the October 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 Operating Committee Meeting
Seminar Room 8 PM

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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October Student of the Month

Janiece Saulsberry, a Hatboro-Horsham High School senior, is the October 2019 Student of the Month at Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) in Willow Grove. Janiece is being recognized for her outstanding work in EASTERN's Automotive Technology program. The Student of the Month Award is sponsored by EASTERN's faculty, Joint Operating Committee and the Willow Grove Rotary Club to highlight student excellence, success and service. Ten students each year are selected for this honor.

While in middle school, Janiece took part in EASTERN's Summer Fun Automotive and Collision Repair program – EASTERN's summer enrichment camp for students in grades six through nine. Through her experiences in Summer Fun, she realized that she wanted to start training for an exciting career in the automotive field while in high school.

As a senior in the Automotive Technology program, she plans to take part in a paid internship mid-way through the school year. For the 2019 – 2020 school year, she has been selected as EASTERN's student representative for the Executive Advisory Committee, in which she provides student input on EASTERN programs and marketing of the school.

Through EASTERN, she has attained industry-standard certifications, such as SP/2 and Valvoline Oil. She also volunteered as a student teacher for EASTERN's 2019 Summer Fun Automotive and Collision Repair program. Outside of EASTERN, Janiece has volunteered for the summer reading program for children at the Horsham Library, and works part time as a cashier at Rite Aid. She is also a member of the Hatboro-Horsham High School Stage Crew.

“Janiece is hard working, considerate, attentive, and respectful,” said George Stahl, EASTERN's Automotive Technology Instructor. “She offers help to the first-year students. She strives to make a difference in all that she does, including her education and her interactions with the community and her peers.”

After graduation from Hatboro-Horsham High School and EASTERN's Automotive Technology program, Janiece plans to attend Penn College of Technology to pursue Electrical Engineering.

**Academic Affairs
2020 – 2021 Budget**

Ms. Mary Martin, EASTERN’s Business Manager, presented the 2020 – 2021 budget, which includes a capital projects budget line item for each district to maintain EASTERN facilities. To offset the impact of this assessment, EASTERN’s operating budget was developed with a zero percent increase to the contributions from our participating school districts.

Robotics and Automated Technology

Dr. Cathleen Plesnarski, EASTERN’s Executive Director and Mr. Joe Greb, EASTERN’s Assistant Director, made site visits in preparation for the new Robotics and Automated Technology program slated to begin in Fall 2020. On September 16, 2019, they visited Chester County Technical High School’s Robotics and Mechatronics program. On September 17, 2019, they visited Festo in Eatontown, NJ.

Parents Night

On September 16, 2019, EASTERN conducted its annual Parents Night. Three hundred twenty-one individuals attended the event. Forty-six percent (46%) or 243 of the students were represented by one or more parents at this event. This event provided parents/guardians with an opportunity to meet the instructors and administration and learn more about the parent portal.

Visit from Representatives Madeleine Dean and Andy Levin

On September 16, 2019, EASTERN welcomed Representative Madeleine Dean from the 4th District of Pennsylvania, and Representative Andy Levin from the 9th District in Michigan to discuss America’s College Promise Act of 2019 with our SkillsUSA student leadership team. This Act would create a new federal-state partnership to provide two years of tuition-free access to community college programs. EASTERN staff and faculty were also invited to attend this student-focused event.

Donation

Patrick Bryson donated a 15 lb. tub of Raspberry to the Culinary Arts program.

SkillsUSA Leadership Conference

The Joint Operating Committee approved 38 students and four faculty advisors and Dr. Plesnarski to attend the SkillsUSA Leadership Conference from November 13 through 15 at Pocono Manor.

**Occupational Advisory Committee
Appointments**

Allied Health - Meryll Fulmer (Program Director for the Shore Medical Center School of Radiologic Tech) Diagnostic Imaging Specialist

Cosmetology - Desiree Hawthorne (Hair Cuttery) Salon Leader

Electrical Technology - Ed Paugh (Middle Department Inspection Agency) Electrical Inspector

Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning - Jake Hunsberger (Dwyer Oil) Tech In Training

Veterinary Science - Melissa Goldberg (Heart and Paw Veterinary Hospital) Veterinarian
Brandon Mumbauer (All Star Pet Groomer) Owner/Groomer

Welding Technology - Liam Thomas Cawley (Roma Steel) Union Ironworker
Daniel Pizzoferrato (Eastern Catalytic) Welding Supervisor/Instructor

Visit from Representative Benjamin Sanchez and Mike Markman from BET Investments

EASTERN was honored to receive a visit from Representative Benjamin Sanchez and Michael Markman. Representative Sanchez represents the 153rd Legislative District in Montgomery County, which includes two of EASTERN’s participating districts, Abington and Upper Dublin. Michael Markman is the President of BET Investments, a real estate management and development company that owns, manages, develops and leases mixed-use projects, shopping centers, office buildings and apartment complexes throughout the United States. Representative Sanchez and Mr. Markman were interested in seeing EASTERN’s programs, meeting students, and learning about their career goals, and how their program can help them achieve those goals.

Feature Your Favorite EASTERN Student

We are pleased to announce a new showcase that you may purchase in support of your son or daughter’s accomplishments. Student Feature ads will be published in both the Open House Ad Book and in EASTERN’s Awards Night program booklet. For more info., visit www.eastech.org/foundation.