

## September 2019

*A report from the September 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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- Visit from Representatives Dean and Levin
- Robotics and Automated Technology
- Tuition/Enrollment Agreement for PA Cyber School
- Cosmetology Hours
- Program Equipment
- SkillsUSA Fundraisers
- PA Apprenticeship Summit
- Representative Sanchez and Mike Markman Visit
- School-to-Career Coordinator
- Part Time Administrative Assistant Appointed
- Practical Nursing Adjunct Instructor Appointed
- Continuing Education Instructor Appointed
- Technology Services College Intern
- Business Office Intern
- Architect Approved

### Coming Events

Joint Committee Meeting  
Seminar Room 8 PM  
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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### September Student of the Month

Orie Zaga, an Abington Senior High School senior, is the September 2019 Student of the Month at Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) in Willow Grove. Orie is being recognized for his outstanding work in EASTERN's Commercial Art 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.

Orie already had a passion for photography when he attended EASTERN's Open House as a sophomore. His interest in the program elevated when he heard the Commercial Art Instructor, Nicole Mohrey, explain how the program will teach him how to turn his love of photography into a lucrative career.

As a junior in the Commercial Art program, Orie was recognized at EASTERN's Awards Night in May 2019 with the Creative Junior Photography and Director Awards. At Abington Senior High School, he has frequently achieved honor roll status and he received the Music Award in May 2017. He volunteers his time for Cheltenham Intramural Soccer as a referee. Orie spent time this summer traveling abroad in Israel.

After graduation from Abington Senior High School and EASTERN's Commercial Art program, he plans to attend The Tyler School of Art and Architecture based at Temple University to pursue photography. Ultimately, he would like to own his own photography business.

### EASTERN welcomed Congresswoman Dean and Congressman Levin to discuss America's College Promise Act

On September 16, 2019, EASTERN welcomed Representatives Madeleine Dean from the 4th District of Pennsylvania, and 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 or technical college programs. EASTERN staff and faculty were also invited to attend this student-focused event.

"What's happening at EASTERN is really incredible," said Congressman Andy Levin. "We met with students from programs such as Veterinary Science, Automotive Technology, Business and Technology, Collision Repair, Commercial Art, Culinary Arts, Cosmetology, Electrical Technology, Protective Services and Welding. These students need a chance to go to community college and they shouldn't have to incur huge debt."

"This is such an innovative and future-thinking bill. We must reduce student debt and expand access to education and training," added Congresswoman Madeleine Dean.

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## **BOARD BRIEF**

### **New Program Approved for 2020 - 2021**

A new EASTERN program for the 2020 – 2021 school year has been approved – Robotics and Automated Technology. This program will be the stepping stone for students on their way to successful career such as Industrial Machinery Mechanic, Electro-Mechanical technicians, and Mechanical Engineer.

### **Tuition/Enrollment Agreement from PA Cyber School**

A tuition and enrollment agreement has been approved between EASTERN and PA Cyber School, as two Cyber School students will now be attending EASTERN programs.

### **Additional Cosmetology Instructional Hours**

Four In-Service Days on October 1, 2019, October 16, 2019, November 5, 2019 and April 28, 2020 have been approved as additional instructional days for Cosmetology students to aid them in their successful completion of the 1,250 hours needed to take the PA State Board of Cosmetology Exam.

### **Program Equipment and Instructional Supplies for 2020 - 2021**

The Joint Operating Committee approved the Instructional Support Budget for program supplies for Allied Health, Automotive Technology, Collision Repair Technology, Commercial Art, Networking and Cybersecurity, Cosmetology, and for the startup of Robotics and Automated Technology.

### **SkillsUSA Fundraisers**

Three additional SkillsUSA fundraisers were approved: Wawa Hoagie coupon sale, Blood Drive and the Spring Apparel Sale.

### **PA Apprenticeship Summit**

Joseph Greb, Assistant Director, and Gary Felmey, Electrical Technology Instructor, were approved to attend the 2019 Pennsylvania Apprenticeship Summit in Hershey this October.

### **EASTERN welcomes Representative Sanchez and Mike Markman of BET Investments**

Representative Benjamin Sanchez and Mike Markman of BET Investments will visit EASTERN on October 8 for an EASTERN presentation and tour.

### **School-to-Career Coordinator Job Posting**

The School-to-Career Coordinator's responsibilities include assisting students in transitioning to and preparing for their chosen career pathway by connecting students and programs to business and industry as well as postsecondary opportunities. Pennsylvania State Teaching Certification in Cooperative Education Clearances are required. A full day, ten-month professional contract with additional summer hours required; salary in accordance with qualifications and experience. All applications must be submitted by October 11, 2019.

### **Part Time Administrative Assistant Appointed**

Michele Zimmerman was appointed Part Time Administrative Assistant in the Main Office, effective September 12, 2019. Her position will include assisting both the Assistant Director and CTE Supervisor offices.

### **Practical Nursing Adjunct Instructor Appointed**

Anjali Benny Abraham was appointed Practical Nursing Adjunct Instructor.

### **Continuing Education Instructor Appointed**

Michael DeLaurentis was appointed as the Math Instructor.

### **Technology Services College Intern Appointed**

Connor Markegene, 2019 Computer Network Administration graduate, was appointed as the TMS Intern for the 2019 – 2020 school year.

### **Business Office High School Intern Appointed**

Nicolas Cuconati, Business and Technology Professional/Upper Dublin High School senior, was appointed Business Office Intern for the 2019 – 2020 school year.

### **Architect Approved for Building Renovations**

The Joint Operating Committee approved hiring Breslin, Ridyard, Fadero Architects to develop a preliminary design for relocating a computer lab, nurses suite, and reconfiguring the Automotive Technology program space.