

November 2019

A report from the November 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

December 11, 2019
February 12, 2020
March 11, 2020
April 15, 2020
May 13, 2020
June 17, 2020

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November Student of the Month

Lauren Shelton, a Hatboro-Horsham High School senior, is the November 2019 Student of the Month at Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) in Willow Grove. Lauren is being recognized for her outstanding work in EASTERN's Veterinary Science 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.

Lauren has a strong interest in zoology and the conservation of wild animals. In tenth grade, Lauren was encouraged by her Hatboro-Horsham High School guidance counselor to visit EASTERN's Veterinary Science program. Since enrolling in the program, Lauren has an increased focus on her career pathway in zoology and animal conservation.

As a junior, Lauren received first place in the SkillsUSA local and district competitions for Job Skill Demo, where she demonstrated how to treat an abscess on a horse's foot. At the SkillsUSA State Competition, Lauren earned fifth place out of ten participants. This year, she was selected by her Veterinary Science Instructor as the 2019 – 2020 SkillsUSA Class Representative. At Hatboro-Horsham High School, Lauren has participated in Field Hockey and Key Club. She is also a member of the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania, where she has served as a member of their advisory committee in 2017 and 2018 and received the Bronze Award in April 2012.

Lauren currently works as a Resort Staff Member at Holiday House Pet Resort, where she feeds and cares for canine and feline residents. During the summer, she serves as a Barn Staff Member at the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania Camp Wood Haven, where she teaches young campers how to care for horses and how to ride. She also feeds and grooms the horses and provides barn maintenance and cleaning.

"I am so proud of Lauren's growth over the past year," said Karen McGeehan, EASTERN's Veterinary Science Instructor. "She is a quiet student who consistently pushes herself out of her comfort zone. She helps the juniors whenever possible and inspires other students to work hard and be their best."

After graduation from Hatboro-Horsham High School and EASTERN's Veterinary Science program, Lauren plans to continue her education at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA or Miami University in Oxford, OH, while working in the industry.

Career and Technical Education Presidential Scholar

EASTERN is pleased to announce that Rachel Brodsky from the Culinary Arts program and Lower Moreland High School will be nominated by Pennsylvania for the national consideration as a CTE Presidential Scholar. Best of luck to Rachel!

September 30 Enrollment

EASTERN’s September 30, 2019 enrollment report indicated 522 secondary school students.

Key Indicator Report

The Class of 2019 Key Indicator Report was approved by the Joint Operating Committee. The report has been reviewed and verified for use in EASTERN publications and communications.

Placement Report

The Class of 2019 Placement Report was approved by the Joint Operating Committee. The report has been reviewed and verified for use in EASTERN publications and communications.

Expanded Learning Opportunity

The Joint Operating Committee approved the Cosmetology II class to attend the New York Beauty Show in New York City on March 10, 2020. The transportation costs will be paid by EASTERN.

2020 – 2021 Program Offerings

The Joint Operating Committee approved the 2020 – 2021 Program Offerings. Program Offerings, including fees associated with each program, can be found online at www.eastech.org/counselors.

School-to-Career Coordinator Appointed

Hayley Granacher was appointed School-to-Career Coordinator for the 2019 – 2020 school year. Ms. Granacher is currently the Culinary Arts Instructor. She will begin her new position once a replacement for her position in Culinary Arts has been filled.

Commercial Art Instructional Aide Retires

Robert Steinbacher, EASTERN’s Commercial Art Instructional Aide, has submitted his retirement effective October 31, 2019. Mr. Steinbacher has served as a dedicated employee of EASTERN since August 1994.

Facilities Ad Hoc Committee

Dr. Cathleen Plesnarski, EASTERN’s Executive Director and Dr. Art Levinowitz, EASTERN’s Joint Operating Committee President, hosted the first Facilities Ad Hoc Committee meeting on October 22, 2019. The goal of the committee is to evaluate EASTERN facilities, program needs, and district needs to make a recommendation for long-term facility planning.

Recognition of Service for Joint Operating Committee Members

Four EASTERN Joint Operating Committee members were recognized for their combined 29 years of service to EASTERN. Thank you and best of luck to Michele Tinsman, Abington; Joseph Wade, Hatboro-Horsham, Robert Howard, Lower Moreland, Brian Davis, Upper Moreland, and Jean McWilliams, Cheltenham.

Upcoming EASTERN Foundation Fundraisers

The EASTERN Foundation has one reason for existing – to encourage students in their pursuit of career ambitions that were developed and strengthened by attending EASTERN. The Foundation does this by rewarding student success and achievement through scholarships and awards which are presented in May at our Annual Awards Night. There are several fundraisers scheduled for the 2019 – 2020 year. The organizations below will donate a portion of proceeds to the EASTERN Foundation. Please join us!

- ✓ **December 16, 2019 – Corner Bakery in Horsham** – Stop by anytime from 6:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. Please tell your cashier that you are with the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology and the EASTERN Foundation will get a portion of sales to support our awards program.
- ✓ **April 17, 2020 – Murder – Vegas Style!** The EASTERN Foundation will be hosting a Murder Mystery on Friday, April 17 from 6 – 9 p.m. at the Springfield Township Recreation Center. The cost of the event is \$50 per ticket which includes food and two beverages. More details to come.
- ✓ **May 7, 2020 – EASTERN’s Annual Take Home Chicken Dinner**
You can support the EASTERN Foundation by reserving your chicken dinner with sides for May 7, 2020 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Take out only. Online order form will be made available closer to event. Meals are \$10 each. Place your order here - <https://www.eastech.org/shop/product/bbq-dinner-fundraiser/>
- ✓ **May 8, 2020 – EASTERN Foundation Bowling Fundraiser**
The Bowling Fundraiser will be on Friday, May 8, 2020 from 6 – 8 p.m. We have 32 lanes. The cost is \$20 per person for 2 hours with shoe rentals. Reserve your lane here - <https://www.eastech.org/shop/product/bowling-fundraiser/>
This event will be held at: 1475 Street Rd. Warminster, PA 18974