

April 2020

A report from the April 2020 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

May 13, 2020
June 17, 2020

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April Student of the Month

Scott Horan, an Upper Moreland High School senior, is the April 2020 Student of the Month at Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) in Willow Grove. Scott is being recognized for his outstanding work in EASTERN's Welding 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.

Scott had some friends who attended EASTERN and was told that it was a great learning environment. He was first interested in the Networking and Cybersecurity program (formerly called Computer Network Administration), but after some family discussion and a visit to EASTERN, he chose to enroll in Welding Technology due the good wages and current industry need.

Through EASTERN's Welding Technology program, Scott has received industry-standard certifications such as Careersafe OSHA 10-Hour Training, and S/P2 Welding Safety Training. Scott is a student ambassador who frequently speaks to potential students at the middle school and high school level during recruitment presentations. He is the Welding Technology SkillsUSA Class Officer, the Welding Technology Occupational Advisory Committee student representative in which he provides student-input into the continuous improvements to the program. At Upper Moreland High School, he is a member of the Lacrosse Team. Outside of school, Scott volunteers at J.P. Performance and Repair and works as a Customer Service Associate at Wawa.

"Scott is a leader," said Meghan Cicchino, EASTERN's Welding Technology Instructor. "I often ask him to provide a demonstration when visitors tour the program, such as the Governor Wolf visit in December. His welding skills are outstanding, as are his communication skills. I am so proud of him and cannot wait to see what the future brings."

Scott will soon begin work as a paid intern at Revtur Welding in Warminster through EASTERN's Cooperative Learning program. After graduation from EASTERN and Upper Moreland High School, he hopes to weld for a small business or join the welder's union. He also has interest in becoming a welding teacher.

Due to the newness of the temporary online format for Joint Operating Committee meetings, the April Student of the Month presentation will be made at the May meeting.

2021 – 2022 Budget Development Calendar

The 2021-2022 Budget Development Calendar has been finalized and was presented for review by the Joint Operating Committee.

Maintenance Positions Available

The Joint Operating Committee approved the following job descriptions:

Facilities Manager

The Facilities Manager will provide leadership and oversight for the maintenance and custodial operations for EASTERN’S building and grounds to provide a safe, secure, functional and healthy environment for students, staff and the community.

Skills:

- Demonstrate leadership skills.
- Demonstrate good organizational skills.
- Ability to manage multiple projects, activities and tasks simultaneously.
- Demonstrate problem-solving abilities.
- Good verbal and written communications.
- Attention to detail.
- Computer Skills Required.

Facilities Maintenance Technician

The Facilities Maintenance Technician will perform grounds and building level maintenance including trouble-shooting tasks in one or more fields (painting, carpentry, electrical, HVAC and plumbing).

Skills:

- Basic understanding of carpentry, electrical, HVAC and plumbing. Must be organized, detail oriented, self-motivated and able to multi-task.
- Proficient oral and written communication skills.
- Outstanding customer service skills.
- Demonstration of problem-solving abilities.
- Computer skills required.

Donation to Relief Efforts

On March 23, 2020 EASTERN was pleased to donate to Montgomery County’s COVID-19 Response Center efforts. Donations included 140 N95 masks from our Collision Repair Technology program, sterile and exam gloves from our Veterinary Science, Allied Health, and adult Practical Nursing programs, surgical masks from our adult Practical Nursing program, and safety glasses and goggles from our program inventory.

On March 31, 2020, EASTERN’s Protective Services Instructor, Mark Zaslavsky, dropped off 120 N95 masks to the Upper Moreland Police Department from the Protective Services program’s crime scene training supplies.

On April 3, 2020, EASTERN donated produce and latex gloves from the Culinary Arts program to Hatboro Dish Restaurant to aid in their efforts to feed families who are struggling during this difficult time.

Automotive Training Center Scholarship Recipient

Tyler Harkins, Abington High School/EASTERN Automotive Technology student, took second place on the Automotive Training Center (ATC) scholarship test at the Warminster Campus, earning him a full scholarship worth approximately \$45,000.

Congress-Bundestag Scholarship Semi-Finalist

Marcus Soucy, Hatboro-Horsham Culinary Arts student, has been named a semi-finalist for the Congress Bundestag scholarship program. If selected, Marcus will spend a year living in Germany with a host family and working in his field.

Custodial Services Proposal

Dr. Plesnarski presented the Interstate Maintenance Corporation proposal. Interstate Maintenance Corporation was approved for custodial maintenance pending review and approval of our solicitor and executed contract.

Closure & Continuity of Education Notification Updates

On April 9, 2020, Governor Wolf announced the closure of schools for the remainder of the year. EASTERN has been offering distance/online learning to continue providing quality instruction during the school closures.

EASTERN’s Administrative team is currently working on plans to address Awards Night, Student Lockers, Spirit Wear, Student Certificates, School to Career Transitions, and Cosmetology Hours.

EASTERN’s Continuity of Education plan is found on EASTERN’s website at www.eastech.org/eastern-update-04-06-2020/.