



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

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Past Events

2/28 Senator Collett Visit

2/26-2/27 Career Expo

3/1 Advisory Appreciation Brunch, School Directors' Orientation and Open House

3/2 UD District Planning

3/3 Administrative Advisory

Upcoming Events

5/27 Awards Night Virtual Presentation 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations to the EASTERN Class of 2020!

EASTERN's Response to COVID-19 Mandatory School Closures

The global pandemic may have resulted in mandatory school closures, but we have continued instruction virtually through our Continuity of Education Plan. Our EASTERN teachers have risen to the challenge of online learning and are providing quality education to our students. Our students have been able to use this time to earn additional industry certifications or to prepare for certification testing and engage in new learning. I would like to thank the entire EASTERN staff for rising to the challenges presented by these mandatory school closures and continuing to prioritize students. I would also like to thank our students and parents for their support!

Senator Maria Collett Visit

On February 28th, Senator Maria Collett visited EASTERN to speak to students in Allied Health, Practical Nursing, and Protective Services. She shared her experience in the field of nursing, spoke to students about their career plans, and observed student demonstrations of classroom skills.



Manufacturing PA – Training to Career Grant of \$200,000.00

In March, EASTERN was awarded a Manufacturing PA – Training to Career Grant of \$200,000 to assist with planning and implementing our new Robotics and Automated Technology Program. Our application was strengthened by the financial commitment of the JOC (renovations, new equipment, etc.) that showed a high level of matching funding. We also had support from regional employers, like Demco Automation, M&S Centerless Grinding, Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center. In addition, Senator Collett and Representative Murt also wrote letters of support. The grant spans over two years and the following activities have been funded:

Grant Activities	Funding Amount
Equipment	\$25,000
Teacher	\$70,000
Marketing	\$30,000
Curriculum Dev.	\$20,000
Partnership/Internship Dev.	\$15,000
Employer Support (Internships)	\$40,000

Renovations for Robotics and Automated Technology begin May 18, 2020

Student Recognition

Students of the Month for March - May

Nicole Sherwood – Cosmetology/Hatboro-Horsham
 Scott Horan – Welding Technology/Upper Moreland
 Rebecca Thompson – Protective Services/Hatboro-Horsham

Congress-Bundestag Recipient

Marcus Sousy – Culinary Arts/Upper Moreland

2nd Place in Automotive Training Center (ATC) Scholarship Test (Full scholarship to ATC)

Tyler Harkins – Automotive Technology/Abington

Accepted into Colorado State University's President's Leadership Academy

Isabella Finnerty – Veterinary Science/Upper Moreland

Recipient of a Partial Scholarship to Pennsylvania College of Art and Design

Jenna Cervone – Commercial Art/Calvary Christian

EASTERN Thanks Two Superintendents for their Dedicated Years of Service

Dr. Curtis Griffin has been a superintendent supporting EASTERN since 2010 and served as Superintendent of Record for two years.

Dr. Robert Milrod has been a superintendent supporting EASTERN since 2006 and served as Superintendent of Record for two years.

A special thanks to these outstanding gentlemen for their support!

EASTERN's Open House

EASTERN's Open House held on Sunday, March 1st brought in prospective students and their parents, EASTERN student and alumni volunteers, Executive Advisory and Occupational Advisory members, School Board Directors, principals, and superintendents. Pictures (clockwise):

- Janiece Saulsberry (Automotive Technology/Hatboro-Horsham) and her mother speak to district School Board Members about the value of EASTERN
- Superintendents Dr. Yanni, Dr. Griffin, Dr. Takacs, and Dr. Davidheiser never miss the opportunity to support EASTERN.
- Dr. Levinowitz, EASTERN Joint Operating Committee President and Upper Dublin School Board Director, helps to familiarize new and re-elected district board members with Eastern Center for Arts and Technology.
- Ms. Suanlarm, Culinary Arts Instructional Aide and Culinary student volunteers provided the hospitality that people have come to expect from EASTERN. (Students L-R: Hannah Hersh (HH), Terynn Johnson (Sp), Hope Birnbaum (Ch), Regina Barnes (Ch))
- Ms. Leyden, Cosmetology Instructor, speaks to prospective students.

