

June 2020

A report from the June 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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Joint Operating Committee; 8 PM

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June Student of the Month

Zakary Jagger-Candell, an Upper Moreland High School senior, is the June 2020 Student of the Month at Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) in Willow Grove. Zakary 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.

Zakary became interested in a program at EASTERN after attending the EASTERN presentation at his high school. Zakary's father and grandfather encouraged him to look into the Welding Technology program, knowing that Zakary enjoys hands-on work, and the job market for welders is booming. Zakary had a friend who attended the program who also encouraged his decision to enroll.

At EASTERN, Zakary has already earned industry-standard certification such as Careersafe OSHA 10-Hour Training, and S/P2 Welding Safety Training. He was also a participant in the SkillsUSA District 2 Welding competition. At Upper Moreland, Zakary is a volunteer for Bear Buddies, and participates in Mini-Thon, and Relay for Life. Zakary, a cancer survivor himself, also volunteers for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia working with other children undergoing cancer treatments. Outside of school, Zakary works as a welder at Havis Shields, and enjoys working on cars.

"Zakary works extremely hard and has a great work ethic," said Meghan Cicchino, EASTERN's Welding Technology Instructor. "I believe his positive attitude will take him far in life and in his welding career."

After graduation from EASTERN and Upper Moreland High School, Zakary plans to work as a full-time welder, and hopes to get into a union, such as a Local 420 Steamfitters.

Awards Night

On Wednesday, May 27, 2020, EASTERN held its annual Awards Night, virtually on their website at 7 p.m. This year, 140 students were recognized with more than \$40,000 awarded for academic and technical achievement. EASTERN is grateful to the EASTERN Foundation for their fundraising efforts, and to all award sponsors, contributors, advisory committee members, and local businesses for helping EASTERN honor its outstanding students during this unprecedented time.

Recognition of Service

Dr. Robert Milrod was recognized for his service as EASTERN’s Joint Operating Committee Superintendent of Record for the past two years. EASTERN is grateful for his extraordinary leadership and commitment to career and technical education.

Summer Cosmetology

The administration reported that 24 total students, offered to seniors first, will participate in the Summer Cosmetology Program which will occur the weeks of August 24, 2020 and August 31, 2020.

2020 – 2021 Student Registration

The administration reported that 706 students are registered for the 2020-2021 school year, with 612 enrolled and 94 students on a waiting list.

Personnel

The Joint Operating Committee approved the following personnel changes:

- Approval of Christopher Maiden as Facility Manager effective July 1, 2020
- Termination of Windy Viernes as Allied Health Long Term Substitute effective May 22, 2020
- Reinstatement of Beth Whitehead as Allied Health Instructor
- Termination of Marketa Crane as Business and Technology Professional Long-Term Substitute effective June 16, 2020
- Reinstatement of Erin Derby as Business and Technology Professional Instructor
- Approval of Marketa Crane as a Long-Term Substitute, for day-to-day activities and fill-in needs for all programs.

Donations Accepted

The following donations were accepted in support of the instructional programs:

- Art tablets, pastels and charcoals were donated by Mary Welch for use in the Commercial Art program.
- Helmets, book, gloves, and electrodes were donated by John Wagner for use in the Welding Technology

Practical Nursing Affiliation Agreement

An agreement between EASTERN’s Practical Nursing program and St. Joseph Manor was approved for the 2020-2021 school year. St. Joseph Manor will provide the facilities for the opportunity for EASTERN’s Practical Nursing students to benefit from clinical experiences in gerontology.

Student Recognition

EASTERN’s Veterinary Science student Karis Hudson was selected as one of seven students in Montgomery County to speak at a virtual Youth Town Hall meeting on May 15, 2020 which included local and national legislators and area superintendents. Karis was the only Career and Technical Education student selected to share her story and did a great job not only representing EASTERN, but all of CTE.

EASTERN’s Commercial Art student, Brianna Eisenmann has been awarded the Trustee’s Award for Excellence in Art to University of the Arts. She contributes this award to her outstanding review at National Portfolio Day. She plans to major in Photography.

Student Interns

The following Electrical Technology Interns have been approved to work up to 400 hours each as directed by Gary Felmey on electrical projects per the salary guide contingent upon Montgomery County being classified as Code Yellow by Governor Wolf:

- Holden Brooker - Abington
- Edward Zanine – Upper Moreland
- Jacob Schultz – Upper Moreland

The following Summer Technology Interns have been approved to work up to 840 hours combined as directed by Lou Geld on technology projects per the salary guide contingent upon Montgomery County being classified as Code Yellow by Governor Wolf:

- James Gans – 1st year College Student
- Connor Markegene – 2nd year College Student

2020 - 2021 School Goals

A highlight of some of our goals:

Goal 1: Student Success

Develop industry-driven programs with robust offerings while expanding support systems for diverse learners culminating in student success.

- Ensure preparation for flexible scheduling, online teaching, and protective measures due to the global COVID-19 pandemic to ensure access, equity, safety, and quality instruction.

Goal 2: Student Recruitment

Maximize enrollment with attention to fiscal resources and building capacity.

- Increase enrollment by incorporating EASTERN’s Pathways Program into digital marketing techniques and materials.

Goal 3: External Partnerships

Promote the benefits of the school to external partners and increase partner involvement.

- Increase the number of students graduating with a work-based learning experience.

Goal 4: Operational Sustainability

Create efficiencies to maintain highly effective operational support services.

- Examine recommendations for funding capital improvements.