

## August 2020

*A report from the August 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 Committee Meeting  
Seminar Room 8 PM

September 9, 2020  
October 14, 2020  
November 11, 2020  
December 9, 2020  
January 13, 2021  
February 10, 2021  
March 10, 2021  
April 14, 2021  
May 12, 2021  
June 16, 2021

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### **EASTERN Student Spotlight: Emma Massinger, Commercial Art, Wins EASTERN Cares Logo Contest**

Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) Commercial Art/Hatboro-Horsham High School junior, Emma Massinger, created the winning



design for the EASTERN Cares logo which will be displayed as a sign of hope and compassion as we enter the 2020 – 2021 school year this fall. In June, EASTERN's Commercial Art students were invited by their instructor to submit their logo sketches, and a school-wide staff and faculty poll was conducted. Her design will be displayed on all of EASTERN's back to school signage throughout the building.

Emma chose Commercial Art at EASTERN because she had always had a passion for art. After visiting EASTERN during her sophomore year of high school, and meeting Nicole Mohrey, EASTERN's Commercial Art Instructor, she knew that the Commercial Art program would give her the knowledge necessary to make a career out of what she enjoys. Learning from home for the last three months of school was difficult, but Emma made the best of the situation and remained an active and successful student.

In June, she was excited about the opportunity to submit a design for the EASTERN Cares logo competition. While developing her design, she wanted to emphasize both EASTERN's pathway logo and include a heart to show how EASTERN cares about and supports its students and staff.

"I am very proud of Emma's hard work and dedication throughout the school year and through distance learning." said Nicole Mohrey, EASTERN's Commercial Art Instructor. "I am so pleased that she took advantage of this opportunity to design something so important to our school. Emma was the only one to include the EASTERN pathway in her design, which led to a great final logo."

When Emma graduates from EASTERN and Hatboro-Horsham High School in 2021, she would like to focus on marketing and social media in college. Currently she is considering Temple University's Tyler School of Art.

### **SkillsUSA Fundraisers for 2020 – 2021**

The Joint Operating Committee approved the following SkillsUSA fundraising activities:

Wawa Hoagie Coupons – Sept. 9, 2020 – Oct. 23, 2020  
Spring Apparel Sale – Feb. 8, 2021 – March 19, 2021

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### **EASTERN Health and Safety Plan Presentation**

Dr. Cathleen Plesnarski, Executive Director, and Mr. Joe Greb, Assistant Director, presented EASTERN's Health and Safety Plan. The Joint Operating Committee approved the recommendation to begin the school-year virtually for the first marking period, as the majority of our participating school districts have already done.

Virtual, Remote Learning Overview:

- All students will be engaged in online learning from home with a blend of synchronous and asynchronous instruction.
- Teachers will report to EASTERN certain days per week to teach from their classrooms so they can demonstrate hands-on technical skills using our tools, equipment, supplies and space.
- Teachers will prepare kits for students that allow them to safely engage in some hands-on skills while at home.

The goal is to start with a virtual model but actively work with participating districts to move into a hybrid model for the second marking period. For more information on the health and safety plan, please visit [www.eastech.org](http://www.eastech.org), as updates will be posted regularly.

### **Program Reviews Approved for Networking and Cybersecurity and Veterinary Science**

Every five years, our Occupational Advisory Committees work with our teachers to complete an extensive review of our programs to ensure they remain current and responsive to changing technology and career opportunities.

#### *Networking and Cybersecurity*

The Networking and Cybersecurity (NCS) program enrollment has increased since the course was restructured to include cybersecurity. The majority of the EASTERN NCS students continue to postsecondary to earn a minimum of an associate degree. Program recommendations included:

- Upgrades to classroom equipment to align to changes in curriculum and industry standards. With the addition of Cybersecurity and CCNA v7.0, Cisco Network gear will need to be refreshed.
- Continue to pursue honors status for the NCS courses in all the participating high schools since students earn 12 dual enrollment credits through Montgomery County Community College.

#### *Veterinary Science*

The Occupational Advisory Committee reviewed employment and career trends. EASTERN graduates from the Veterinary Science program can move directly into the animal care industry but most will continue their education in Veterinary Technology, Animal Science or Pre-Veterinary career tracks. Program recommendations included:

- Seek articulation credits with area Veterinary Tech and Pre-Vet/Animal Science post-secondary programs.
- Increase clinical opportunities with an emphasis on surgical experience for 2nd year students.

# BOARD BRIEF

### **Continuing Education**

The Adult/Continuing Education program will limit course offerings in the Fall to the Electrical Apprenticeship and OSHA courses. These classes will be held virtually. Live instruction may resume after November with permission from the Executive Director. For more information on Continuing Education program offerings, please visit [www.eastech.org/continuing-education/](http://www.eastech.org/continuing-education/).

### **Practical Nursing Affiliation Agreements**

The Joint Operating Committee approved the following affiliation agreements for the 2020 – 2021 school year:

Holy Redeemer Child Care Center will provide the facilities for observation of child development.

Tower Health will provide a broad range of on-site clinical training experiences and opportunities.

Addendums related to COVID-19 have been approved for the following affiliation agreements:

- Jefferson Health
- Holy Redeemer Child Care Center

### **Executive Advisory Committee Membership for 2020 -2021**

The EAC membership for 2020 – 2021 has been approved. An updated list of EAC Members can be found at [www.eastech.org/eac/eac-members/](http://www.eastech.org/eac/eac-members/).

### **Occupational Advisory Committee Membership for 2020 – 2021**

The OAC membership for 2020 – 2021 has been approved. New members have been appointed in Automotive Technology, Electrical Technology, HVAC, Networking and Cybersecurity, Protective Services, Robotics and Automated Technology and Veterinary Science. An updated list of OAC Members can be found at [www.eastech.org/oac/](http://www.eastech.org/oac/).

### **New Substitute Instructors Approved**

The following new substitute instructors have been approved for the 2020 - 2021 school year:

Jared Stevenson, Protective Services  
Nicole Wisneski, Veterinary Science

### **Resolution Supporting the Development of an Anti-Racist School Climate**

The Joint Operating Committee approved a resolution supporting the development of an Anti-Racist school climate. EASTERN's Joint Operating Committee stands firm in their collective responsibility to foster an equitable and inclusive environment for every student, staff member, parent, and community member. In support of this resolution, the JOC has committed to developing and implementing a policy that promotes and cultivates equity and inclusion.