

**April 2021**

*A report from the April 2021 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 Via Zoom; 8 PM

May 12, 2021  
June 16, 2021

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**April Student of the Month**

Jessica Derricks, an Abington Senior High School senior, is the April 2021 Student of the Month at Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) in Willow Grove. Jessica is being recognized for her outstanding work in EASTERN's Cosmetology 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.

Jessica's older sister attended Veterinary Science at EASTERN, and Jessica and her family had attended several EASTERN Open Houses over the years leading up to Jessica's enrollment in Cosmetology. When Jessica was in tenth grade, a family friend who had previously attended EASTERN's Cosmetology program explained the program and its benefits to Jessica. That year, she again attended Open House, met the Cosmetology instructors, and knew the program was the right fit for her.

At EASTERN, Jessica is a student ambassador who speaks on behalf of her program at recruitment events. She is also a member and competitor for SkillsUSA, EASTERN's student leadership organization. She recently participated in a virtual "up-do" SkillsUSA District competition, in which she had one hour to recreate an up-do provided to her in a photo. She was also selected by her instructor to attend the Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) Fall Leadership Conference. This year, the Leadership conference was virtual. At the conference, Jessica earned her SkillsUSA Framework Certification, which is an e-learning module where participants learn about SkillsUSA and how it ensures the development of world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens through the SkillsUSA Framework. At Abington Senior High School, Jessica is a member of the Marching Band, Indoor Color Guard, Reading Olympics, and a member of the National Honor Society. She also volunteers for the Abington Library "Abington Reads" program.

"Jessica has a passion for the Cosmetology field that will take her far in the field," said Wendy Leyden, EASTERN's Cosmetology Instructor. "She has come out of her shell over the last two-years and has become confident in her skillset. She loves to learn, which will certainly benefit her throughout her career."

Jessica currently works at a salon as a Shampoo Assistant. After graduating, and receiving her Cosmetology license, Jessica would like to work at the salon as a hair stylist. After working in the salon for a few years, Jessica is interested in taking postsecondary business courses at Montgomery County Community College. Her ultimate goal would be to open her own salon, and maybe even become a Cosmetology Instructor.

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## **BOARD BRIEF**

### **Social Emotional Wellness Presentation**

Ms. Larson, Supervisor of Career and Technical Education, was the lead administrator in charge of meeting our goal of evaluating our ability to support social and emotional learning of students, especially in crisis situations. Her position's responsibilities include student management, special education, school safety, and enrollment. She presented her findings and shared EASTERN's process for implementing responsibility-based discipline.

### **Instruction at EASTERN**

EASTERN brought all students back 4 days per week, giving students an option of in-person or 100% virtual. Wednesdays are virtual to allow teachers to meet with in-person and virtual students.

### **Antigen Testing – Senior COS Students**

EASTERN will be implementing the Project Act-IT (Assisting Childhood Education through Increased Testing) COVID-19 testing initiative through CHOP and Montgomery County Department of Health for seniors in the Cosmetology program so they can safely finish necessary skills to gain their state license.

### **Adult Cosmetology Student Fee**

The \$10/hour Adult Continuing Education fee will be waived for cosmetology students graduating in Spring 2021 for up to 100 hours per student.

### **Award Interior Renovations-Phase II**

EASTERN will enter into contracts, subject to the contractors complying with all post-award requirements and solicitor review, for the Interior Renovations Phase II as follows:  
Balton Construction General \$785,963  
Tri-County Mechanical, Inc. HVAC \$375,000  
S&S Electrical Services Electrical \$465,483

### **2022-2023 Budget Development Calendar**

The 2022-2023 Budget Development Calendar has been finalized and was presented for review by the Joint Operating Committee.

### **SkillsUSA District Competition Winners**

SkillsUSA District 2 Competitions were held virtually from February 4 through February 26, 2021. We are pleased to announce the following winners:

#### **3rd place Bronze medalist:**

Carpentry - Carpentry, Jacob Boscola, CON  
Criminal Justice - Noah Cruz, PRT  
Extemporaneous speaking - Joe DiPrimeo, VET  
HVACR - Will Klanderman, HVC  
MLR - Dylan Bottomer, AUT  
Nailcare – Nina Ivey, COS

#### **2nd place Silver medalist:**

Cosmetology - Jessica Derricks, COS  
Medical Math - Megan Frazetta, ALH  
Firefighting - Dylan Logue, PRT  
Pin Design - Rion Russell, COA  
Related technical Math - Logan Manton, CUL  
T-shirt design - Isabella Iannuzzi, COA

#### **\*1st place Gold medalist:**

Action Skills - Ben Hoffman, CUL  
Advertising Design - Lena Cardamone, COA  
Customer Service - Nicole Klaski, COA  
Employment App - Bergen Irwin, NCS  
Esthetics - Lillian Trump, COS  
Job interview - Kayla Marshall, BUS  
Medical Terminology - Cashmearmarya Moore, ALH  
Opening & Closing Ceremony- Laurence Jacoby, Sarah Boyce, Lena Cardamone, Isabella Iannuzzi, COA, Kayla Marshall, BUS, and Gabriel Gushue & Abigail Mason, COS.

#### **\*Gold Medal winners will compete virtually at April's State championship**

### **Policy DP201-FMLA and Military Leave**

Clarified language in the director's procedure DP201 was presented.

### **Physician of Record**

A revised agreement between Abington Memorial Hospital and EASTERN for services of a Physician of Record to be effective March 1, 2021 was presented.

### **Montgomery County Board of Elections – Lease**

Montgomery County Board of Elections will hold elections on May 18, 2021 at EASTERN.