

May 2021

A report from the May 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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Joint Operating Committee Meeting Via Zoom; 8 PM

June 16, 2021

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May Student of the Month

Brianna Rios, a Hatboro-Horsham High School senior, is the May 2021 Student of the Month at Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) in Willow Grove. Brianna is being recognized for her outstanding work in EASTERN's Culinary Arts 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.

When Brianna was in 10th Grade at Hatboro-Horsham High School, her guidance counselor spoke to her about the career and technical programs at EASTERN. At first, Brianna was unsure that a program at EASTERN was the right fit for her, but since she had an interest in baking and pastry arts, she decided to attend the Open House and meet the Culinary Arts instructors. Now, Brianna has found her passion in the nutrition element of the Culinary Arts program. She credits her time at EASTERN for helping her to explore different careers paths within the food-related industries.

Although Brianna attends EASTERN virtually this year, she continues to impress her EASTERN Culinary Arts instructors with her skills and participation. In May 2020 at EASTERN's virtual Awards Night, Brianna was awarded the Culinary Arts Institute at Montgomery County Community College Summer Camp Award. Although the camp was unable to run due to COVID-19 restrictions, Brianna was honored to be the junior selected for the program.

At Hatboro-Horsham High School, she is on the Academic Honor Roll, participated in Cross Country, and was enrolled in the Hatters Helping Hatters program for assisting the Best of Baking class. Outside of school, Brianna owns a small Etsy business called Meraki Moonflower Fluid Art where she specializes in painting tote bags and jewelry.

"Brianna is an exceptional student with a great deal of drive and ambition," said Charlie Zachmann, EASTERN Culinary Arts Instructor. "Even in this challenging environment of online learning, she gives 100 percent effort and commitment. Her upbeat personality combined with her skills and work ethic will serve her well during her career."

After graduating, Brianna plans to attend Temple University for Public Health, and minor in Nutrition. Her goal is to work with teenagers educating them on the importance of nutrition and helping change their bad relationships with food into a healthy relationship.

Technology Management Systems Interns

Connor Markegene, graduate of Networking and Cybersecurity, and Noah Wise, senior in Networking and Cybersecurity have been selected as TMS interns for the upcoming school year.

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BOARD BRIEF

New Program - Exercise and Sports Science

Joe Greb, EASTERN's Assistant Director, presented a proposal for a new program to start 2022-2023 – Exercise and Sports Science. This program would help prepare students for careers in physical therapy, athletic training, personal fitness, and sports medicine. Topics include routine rehabilitation, the roles and responsibilities of rehabilitation providers, anatomy and physiology, nutrition and wellness, and therapeutic techniques. The program would be designed to offer the following certifications: OSHA Healthcare, CPR/First Aide, ACSM Certified Personal Trainer, and AMCA Physical Therapy Aide. In June, the Joint Operating Committee will vote on approving the opening of this program.

SkillsUSA State Competition

Thirteen students from EASTERN competed virtually at the SkillsUSA State Competitions held in April. Nine of the thirteen students won gold, silver, or bronze medals. Gold medalists are invited to participate in the virtual National competition to be held in June. Medalists from EASTERN include:

Gold Medal Winners

Action Skills – Ben Hoffman, EASTERN Culinary Arts/Upper Dublin

Customer Service – Nicole Klaski, EASTERN Commercial Art/Abington

Job Interview – Kayla Marshall, EASTERN Business and Technology Professional/Cheltenham

Supervisor of Career and Technical Education Appointed

Gerry Rooney was approved as Supervisor of Career and Technical Education, effective July 1, 2021. Mr. Rooney comes to EASTERN from Bucks County Technical High School where he served as Dean of Students.

Acting Facilities Manager Appointed

Fred Fox has been appointed Acting Facilities Manager effective May 11, 2021. Mr. Fox is a 2017 graduate of EASTERN's Electrical Technology program. He has been being back at EASTERN as Facilities Maintenance Technician since July 1, 2020.

Summer Electrical Technology Interns

The following EASTERN Electrical Technology students have been selected as summer interns:
Mario D'Alessio – Abington
Cole Tucker – Upper Moreland
Brandon Rudalavage – Upper Dublin
Evan Praeger – Abington

Congress Bundestag Scholarships

EASTERN is proud to announce two recipients of the NACEL Open Door Congress Bundestag (CBYX) scholarship: Kayla Marshall, from EASTERN's Business and Technology Professional program/Cheltenham High School, and Matthew Wiggins from EASTERN's Culinary Arts program/Abington Senior High School.

Both students have been selected as part of the 25 students accepted nationally. CBYX is for U.S. high school graduates who have demonstrated maturity, responsibility, and who can be entrusted to fulfill their roles as exchange students without day-to-day supervision. This program offers graduating high school seniors the opportunity to spend their 13th year abroad living with a German host family, participating in a training or school program, and gaining work experience through internships with German companies.

EASTERN Accountant/JOC Treasurer Elected

EASTERN's Joint Operating Committee (JOC) approved the election of Liam Gallagher, EASTERN's new Accountant and JOC Treasurer effective May 13, 2021. Gallagher's official one-year term is from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Mr. Gallagher comes to us from G-Squared Partners in Fort Washington.

Joint Operating Committee –Secretary Appointed

EASTERN's JOC approved the appointment of Mary Martin, EASTERN's Business Manager, as JOC Secretary for a four-year term effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025.

JOC Appoints New Superintendent of Record

Upon the resignation of Dr. Wagner Marseille effective June 30, 2021, the JOC appointed Dr. Jill Takacs for a two-year term effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023. We wish Dr. Marseille the best in his new endeavors, and welcome Dr. Takacs in her new role at EASTERN.

GEER II Grant – Continuity of Education

The JOC approved the implementation of the Continuity of Education Grant for Career and Technical Centers Grant II. Upon approval of the grant proposal by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, funds will be spent on virtual learning platforms for programs, additional laptops for student use in program areas, audio-visual equipment for virtual conferencing, replacing industrial wall-mounted fans in all programs, and purchasing sanitation supplies.

Non-Resident Tuition Rate for 2021 – 2022 School Year

The JOC approval of a non-resident tuition rate of \$17,076 established for non-resident and charter (including cyber-charter) schools for the 2021-2022 school year.

Practical Nursing Tuition Rate for 2021 – 2022

The JOC approved student tuition for the Practical Nursing program as \$15,850 for the 2021 – 2022 school year.