

Case Statement

Purpose

The Eastern Center for Arts and Technology Foundation has one reason for existing.....to aid successful students pursue career ambitions that were strengthened by attending EASTERN. These ambitions could include continuing their education, to applying their knowledge directly in a career field.

Our Students

High School Component - Students elect to attend EASTERN for up to two years to prepare for a career. They spend a half day at their participating school taking academic courses and the other half at EASTERN in one of 14 career preparation programs. Students are from the nine school districts in Eastern Montgomery County that own EASTERN. They include the school districts of Abington, Bryn Athyn, Cheltenham, Hatboro-Horsham, Jenkintown, Lower Moreland, Springfield, Upper Dublin and Upper Moreland.

Adult Education - Our Practical Nursing tuition-based program offers adults a one-year full-time day program or a two-year night and weekend option to become qualified to take the Commonwealth's licensing exam.

Recognizing Student Success

High School Students - Students at EASTERN achieve certifications, licensure and meet industry developed standards. Students demonstrate their competence by their scores on a nationally-developed, written and performance test administered by industry representatives and receive a "Student Warranty" attesting to their competency. We publicly celebrate student achievement each May at our annual Awards Night.

Practical Nursing Adult Students -Awards are presented to qualified grads at graduation.

Bottom Line

The Foundation was formed to expand the awards gathered on an annual basis to recognize student success and to collect funds that will grow over the years to provide a more dedicated scholarship funding source. Foundation funds will be distributed to high school students at EASTERN's Awards Night and at PN graduation.

Board of Trustees

The Foundation Founding board approved By-laws on January 31, 2005. The IRS approved the 501 (c)(3) request to qualify as a tax exempt organization on November 28, 2005.

Members of the Foundation Board of Trustees include: *George Marin*, Data Tech Solutions, LLP, President of the Foundation. George is an alumnus of the school and the first recipient of the school's Distinguished Service Award in 2003; *Thomas Allen*, EASTERN's Director; *John Dougherty*, General Dynamics Info. Tech.; *Linda Heiberger*, Educator; *Kelly Knorr*, EASTERN Alum/Rittenhouse Hotel; *Art Levinowitz*, President, EASTERN's Joint Committee; *Craig Hoffman*, Sr. VP, Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.; *James Hessinger*, Chairperson EASTERN's Executive Advisory Committee; *Christopher McDermott* ; *Patricia MacDonald*, Community Representative; *Mark Medvesky*, Public Affairs Officer - U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement; *Michael O'Hare Peale, Esq.*, Timoney Knox, LLP; *Cynthia Rotelle*, CD Gwilliam Construction Contrator, LLC; *Stephen Seu*, Educator; *Dr. Amy Sichel*, EASTERN's Superintendent of Record, and *Karen Wiley Sandler*, Chancellor, Penn State Abington.

Expectations of Board of Trustee Members

Members of the Foundation board make a commitment to raise money to fund the scholarships that help students succeed. They 'give or get' to meet Foundation goals for the benefit of students. Members will work with committees that are empowered to move the objective of the Foundation forward. Meetings will be structured to maximize the output and minimize their length.

Looking Ahead

The overriding goal of EASTERN's Foundation is to assist students transition to their chosen career field and to become a valuable part of the fabric of the community.