

Eastern Center for Arts and Technology

EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

EASTERN 's enrollment is growing and so are the opportunities provided to students. Last year, we launched a new program, Robotics and Automated Technology. This year, we have expanded the capacity of two programs, Automotive Technology and Allied Health. The Automotive Technology program renovations are almost complete, upgrading and expanding the space to allow more students to enter the program, from 40 to 46 students. New floors, additional lifts, more bay area, and an expanded theory room are just some of the improvements. Allied Health, one of our most popular programs, has doubled capacity through hiring a second teacher and creating a second classroom.

Next year EASTERN will offer another new program, Exercise Science and Rehabilitation, where students can gain knowledge and skills in the areas of wellness, from personal fitness to physical therapy. The addition of this program creates a third option for students interested in the medical and health care fields, allowing students to choose between Allied Health, Exercise Science and Rehabilitation, and Veterinary Science.

STUDENT SUCCESS

June Student of the Month: Emilia Wanders - Cosmetology, Abington Senior High School

Awards Ceremony: EASTERN held its annual Awards Night at Upper Moreland High School's Stadium on June 2nd. This year, 123 students were recognized with more than \$36,000 awarded for academic and technical achievement. EASTERN is grateful to the EASTERN Foundation, award sponsors, staff, advisory committee members, and local businesses for their contributions. Anyone wishing to donate can visit: <https://eastech.org/foundation/>

SkillsUSA Nationals: Benjamin Hoffman (Culinary Arts/Upper Dublin) and Nicole Klaski (Commercial Art/Abington), competed in the SkillsUSA National Competition held virtually in June. Both students placed in the top nine with Nicole Klaski earning a silver medal.

Summer Internships: Ten juniors from EASTERN participated in summer internships.

Electrical Technology

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| • Mario D'Alessio | Abington Senior High School | EASTERN |
| • Cole Tucker | Upper Moreland High School | EASTERN |
| • Joshua Schwartz | Hatboro-Horsham High School | EASTERN |
| • Brandon Rudalavage | Upper Dublin High School | EASTERN |
| • Evan Praeger | Abington Senior High School | EASTERN |

Networking and Cybersecurity

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| • Noah Wise | Upper Moreland High School | EASTERN |
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Robotics and Automated Technology

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| • Kayla Boyle | Lower Moreland High School | S.P. Industries |
| • Kyle Neal | Cheltenham High School | Lynn Electronics |
| • Napoleon Nelson | Cheltenham High School | Lynn Electronics |

Welding Technology

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| • Dominic Giammanco | Jenkintown High School | Havis Inc. |
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PAST EVENTS

- 6/2 Awards Night
- 7/7 Representative Guentst visit to EASTERN
- 8/26 Practical Nursing Graduation

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/1, 9/2, and 9/8 In-service for EASTERN Staff
- 9/8 Joint Operating Committee Meeting
- 9/9 Student First Day
- 9/20 Parents Night
- 9/15 Counselor/Special Education Liaison Meeting
- 9/23 Principals Advisory Committee Meeting

NEW TO EASTERN

LouCrecie Garlander, Upper Moreland School Board Director, was appointed to EASTERN's Joint Operating Committee.

Dr. Jill Takacs, Superintendent of Jenkintown School District, is serving as EASTERN's Superintendent of Record.

Dr. Steven Yanni, Superintendent of Upper Dublin School District, is serving as EASTERN's Principal Liaison.

Fred Fox was promoted to the position of Facility Manager.

Alberto Soto was hired for the position of Maintenance Technician.

Allison Latzo was hired as the second teacher for Allied Health.

Cheryl Steacker was hired to fill the position of long-term Culinary Arts Aide.

2021-2022 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Masks:

Universal masking indoors for everyone.

Social Distancing Indoors:

Staff must distance 6 feet between each other and between themselves and students.

Students must distance a minimum of 3 feet between each other.

Quarantine for Close Contacts:

Vaccinated staff and students who are asymptomatic are not required to quarantine, but must be tested within 3-5 days of exposure.

Non-vaccinated staff and students must quarantine for 10 days after exposure but can return after 7 days with a negative PCR or antigen test on day 5 or thereafter.

2021-2022 ENROLLMENT

More students are seeing the benefit of EASTERN's career pathways, which provide opportunities for students to begin a career path at EASTERN and then enter directly into employment or continue on to college. With 633 students enrolled to start the 2021-2022 school year, our school is operating at 90% capacity.

Full/Waitlisted Programs:

- Allied Health
- Automotive Technology
- Construction Technology
- Electrical Technology
- HVAC
- Protective Services
- Veterinary Science
- Welding

Programs with (limited) Openings:

- Business Technology Professional
- Commercial Art
- Collision Repair Technology
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Networking and Cybersecurity
- Robotics and Automated Technology



College and Career Ready

2021-2022 SCHOOL GOALS

EASTERN's school goals focus on positive outcomes for students. These goals make sure we are helping students make the transition from school to work or school to college. These goals make sure we are responsive to community and industry needs and expand or add programming to ensure students have an opportunity to attend their program of choice. These goals make sure we are creating an inclusive, culturally responsive school where all students feel valued and experience success.

1. Ensure that all EASTERN students are positively placed after graduation as measured by graduate surveys administered in October after graduation.
2. Ensure that all incoming students are able to access their career and technical program of choice as measured by the percentage of students able to enroll in their first-choice program and number of students waitlisted.
3. Promote equity in all facets of EASTERN's operations to become a culturally proficient school that recognizes and values diversity and inclusion.

LEADERSHIP VALUES AND BELIEFS

Our leadership team met this summer to review our shared values and beliefs. These values and beliefs drive how we lead EASTERN and support staff and students.

Respect

- We will work to include appropriate stakeholders in decisions that affect the organization.
- We will strive to maintain positive relationships with, listen to, and ask questions of, every team member.
- We are committed to maintaining an environment of respectful behavior.
- We only share what's ours to share.

Teamwork

- We are responsible for keeping the team together and moving forward.
- We celebrate the successes of others and recognize the contributions of all team members.
- We will be honest, flexible, and courageous when communicating with others.
- We will be consistent in expectations and behavior.
- We will assume good intentions behind the words and actions of others.

Innovation

- Student success will be the impetus of every decision, initiative, and innovation.
- We will provide an environment for taking safe/worthwhile risks that will move the school further.
- We will recognize opportunities for process improvement and not let our setbacks deter us.