

Eastern Center for Arts and Technology

START OF THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

EASTERN welcomed all students in-person on September 9th with a universal masking policy and distancing of 3 feet. As mitigation efforts relax, EASTERN has taken important steps to reclaim opportunities for students. After two years without administering the NOCTI exam, an end-of-program assessment meant to measure a student's knowledge and technical skills in their program of study, EASTERN seniors participated in the Pre-NOCTI written exam in September and October. SkillsUSA, our career and technical student organization, hosted a Fall Social outside in October and representatives participated in leadership training at Bucks County Technical High School in November. EASTERN is currently preparing to host an in-person Career Expo where prospective students visit our programs to help clarify their career goals and decision to attend EASTERN.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Students of the Month

- Lorraine Praeger – Protective Services – Abington – **September**
- Nicole Klaski – Commercial Art – Abington – **October**
- Marcos Garcia – Automotive – Hatboro-Horsham – **November**

Internships:

Automotive Technology

- Marcos Garcia Hatboro-Horsham Faulkner Infinity
- Mikayla Thomas Cheltenham Faulkner Nissan

Veterinary Science *provide weekend care to EASTERN animals

- Christina Decker Cheltenham High School
- Isabela McGillis Abington Senior High School

EASTERN's Nominee for PA CTE Presidential Scholar

Zoe Oliveras – Veterinary Science – Upper Dublin High School

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/7 Academic Advisory Committee Meeting
- 12/8 JOC Meeting
- 12/16 10th Grade Career Expo
- 1/4 Academic Advisory Committee Meeting
- 1/12 Counselor/Special Education Liaison Meeting
- 1/12 JOC Meeting
- 1/27 Principals Meeting
- 1/27 Practical Nursing Class #153 Graduation
- 2/3 10th grade Career Expo
- 2/27 Open House
- 2/27 Advisory Appreciation Lunch
- 2/27 School Directors Orientation

NEW TO EASTERN

Katie Braun was hired for the position of Business Manager.

Eric Martin was hired as Automotive/ Collision Aide.

PARENTS NIGHT

Parents Night was held virtually on September 20, 2021 with fifty percent (309) of the students represented.

PARTNERSHIPS

New articulation agreements were developed with the following post-secondary partners:

- Pittsburgh Technical College
- Kutztown University
- Delaware Valley University

FALL SNAPSHOT

As of September 30th:

- 607 Secondary Students
- 85 Continuing Education students
- 103 Practical Nursing Students

SERVICE ACTIVITY

EASTERN's Allied Health program is raising money for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to support families this holiday season.

CAPITAL PLAN 2021-2022

Phase III planning will focus heavily on renovating Welding Technology, reconfiguring the space currently held by Welding and Protective Services to increase the capacity of the welding program, improve ventilation and air quality, incorporate a manifold system, increase the number and size of welding booths, and improve storage. The Protective Services classroom will be upgraded to include air-conditioning in the lab space. The design will also include specifications for HVAC modifications for the new Exercise Science and Rehabilitation program.

DEVELOPING EASTERN'S 2022-2023 BUDGET

EASTERN has developed a proposed budget which has been authorized by the Joint Operating Committee to be presented to the school boards of our participating districts for approval. The budget requests an increase to districts of 2% or \$142,000 in operating costs to launch the new Exercise Science and Rehabilitation program for the 2022-2023 school year and to add another instructional assistant to increase support for students and allow expansion in program enrollment capacities.

2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

EASTERN's 2020-2021 Annual report can be found on the website. It highlights the year's activities and accomplishments. EASTERN opened a new program, Robotics and Automated Technology, which added a new option for students pursuing careers in manufacturing. The program prepares students to enter into careers as mechatronic technicians or to continue their education to pursue engineering. This program was opened without additional costs to the districts due to EASTERN receiving multiple sources of grant funding.

2022-2023 PROGRAM OFFERINGS

EASTERN's 2022-2023 Program Offerings can be found on the counselor support webpage. New for 2022-2023 is Exercise Science and Rehabilitation, a program that helps prepare students to pursue careers in physical therapy, personal training, and rehabilitation.

EASTERN FOUNDATION

The EASTERN Foundation raises money through donations and fundraising to reward student success and achievement through scholarships and awards which are presented in May at our Annual Awards Night. Contributions, which are tax-deductible, can be made online at <https://www.eastech.org/Domain/63>. The EASTERN Foundation is also on Amazon Smile.