

## Eastern Center for Arts and Technology

### 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

EASTERN continues to move towards normal, pre-pandemic operations. More events and opportunities, that were previously held virtually have returned to in-person models. Over 40 students participated in SkillsUSA District 2 Competition in person in January. Career Expo and Open House were also hosted with record-level participation. We ended February with an announcement of relaxed masking requirements in response to changes in recommendations from the Center for Disease Control. Despite the strangeness of the past two years, our students continue to explore and clarify their career goals and take full advantage of the opportunities EASTERN provides.

### STUDENT SUCCESS

#### Students of the Month

December: Zachary Trowbridge – Protective Services – Hatboro-Horsham  
January: Mario D'Alessio – Electrical Technology – Abington  
February: Lauren Ricchini – Culinary Arts – Upper Moreland

#### PA Multi-Agency Black History Month Writing Contest—1st Place

Nicolette Attarian-Kimber – Allied Health – Hatboro-Horsham

#### New Internships: 13 more students are participating in work-based learning this year, bringing our internship total to 19.

Danae Williams – Business and Technology – Upper Dublin – JF Koelle & Assoc.  
John Stahl – Automotive – Upper Dublin – Thompson BMW  
Brandon Stecher – Collision Repair – Upper Moreland – Thompson Detail Center  
Robert Malatesta – Collision Repair – Abington – Sussman Honda  
Matt Eickhoff – Collision Repair – Abington – Morano Brothers  
Luke Lottier – Construction – Springfield – James D. Morrissey, Inc.  
Scott Douglass – Electrical Technology – Hatboro-Horsham – Riley Electric  
Gavin Lynch – HVAC – Hatboro-Horsham – DE Duffey & Sons  
Gianni Vegas – HVAC – Hatboro-Horsham – Michall Daimion HVAC Inc.  
Logan Taylor – HVAC – Upper Moreland – JA Smith HVAC  
Zoe Oliveras – Veterinary Science – Upper Dublin – York Road Animal Hospital  
Charles Mednick – Welding – Springfield – O'Donnell Metal Fabricators  
Benjamin Cramer – Welding – Upper Dublin – GT Automotive Center

### UPCOMING EVENTS

3/1 AAC Meeting  
3/9 JOC Meeting  
3/30 Counselor/Special Education Meeting  
4/5 AAC Meeting  
4/6-4/8 SkillsUSA State Competition  
4/13 JOC Meeting  
5/3 AAC Meeting  
5/11 JOC Meeting  
5/25 Awards Night

## PERSONNEL

**Greg Shields** was hired for the position of Data Services Specialist.

**Jennifer Winters** was hired as School Nurse.

**Windy Viernes** was hired as Coordinator of PT Practical Nursing Cohorts.

**Charlene Kirby** was hired for the position of PN Instructor—Half Time.

**Marta Mecray** was hired for the position of Accountant.

**Anthony Delagol** was hired for the position of Human Resources Coordinator.

## PDE EQUIPMENT GRANT

EASTERN is honored to have been selected to receive \$50,000 and will use the funding to purchase a Tablettop Mechatronics Learning System, Portable Electric Motor Control Learning System, and UR Training Hardware package for certification for the Robotics and Automated Technology program

## I-CAR GRANT

EASTERN's Collision Repair Technology program has been awarded \$4,000.00 through the Greater Philadelphia I-CAR Committee to use for tools, equipment and supplies necessary to enhance Collision Repair Technology students' learning experience and elevate the caliber of graduates, ensuring they are prepared to successfully enter the workforce upon graduation.

## JOC ORIENTATION

Dr. Eten and Dr. Lee participated in the new Joint Operating Committee Orientation held by Dr. Plesnarski, Dr. Levinowitz, and Dr. Takacs on January 6, 2022

## CAREER EXPO

On December 16, we welcomed a total of 259 students from Lower Moreland, Upper Moreland, Jenkintown, Hatboro-Horsham, and Upper Dublin school districts.

On February 3, 2022, we welcomed 212 students from Abington, Cheltenham, and Springfield Township.

## SKILLSUSA DISTRICT 2 COMPETITION

**Gold Medal** winners will compete at April's State championship:

Tori Bone - Allied Health - Medical Assistant - Abington  
Robert Malatesta – Collision – Automotive Refinisher - Abington  
Nicole Klaski – Commercial Art – Customer Service – Abington  
Haley Tucker – Cosmetology – Cosmetology – Hatboro-Horsham  
Nina Richardson – Culinary Arts – Action Skills – Springfield  
Reyna Rodriguez – Culinary Arts – Culinary Arts – Abington  
Daniel Hayes – NCS – Extemporaneous Speaking – Cheltenham  
Tyler Wildgust – NCS – Information Technology – Upper Dublin  
Noah Wise – NCS – Internetworking – Upper Moreland  
Isabela McGillis – Veterinary Science – Job Skill – Abington

### Silver Medal

Mei Lei Asturias – Allied Health— Health Knowledge—Upper Moreland  
Hannah Eugene –Allied Health— Basic Health Care – Abington  
Khanh Ha— Allied Health – Health Knowledge – Upper Moreland  
Keeley Newnom – Allied Health – Health Knowledge – Abington  
Tymir Parks – Allied Health – Health Knowledge – Upper Moreland  
Matthew Eickhoff – Collision – Collision Repair – Abington  
Morgan Callander – Commercial Art – Pin Design

### Bronze Medal

Katie Eckert – Allied Health – Medical Terminology – Springfield  
Samuel Ottenbreit – Business – Technical Computer Applications – Upper Dublin  
Taylor Schulz – Business – Related Technical – Math – Springfield  
Erin Aikens – Veterinary Science – Quiz Bowl – Cheltenham  
Lena Cardamone – Commercial Art – Advertising Design – Archbishop Wood  
Ahmaad Fauske – Culinary Arts – Quiz Bowl – Calvary Christian  
Tyson Foggie – Commercial Art – Prepared Speech – Cheltenham  
Harrison Homack – Veterinary Science – Quiz Bowl – Abington  
Shamus Katz – Automotive – Quiz Bowl – Hatboro-Horsham  
Jasmine Licari – Commercial Art – T-Shirt Design – Abington  
Anya Linn – Veterinary Science – Quiz Bowl – Springfield  
Edwin Melendez – HVAC –HVAC – Lower Moreland

## CAPITAL PLAN PHASE III

Phase III renovation planning continued as EASTERN worked with our Architect to finalize plans for renovating Welding Technology and Protective Services and to add HVAC modifications to the future Exercise Science and Rehabilitation program opening in 2022-2023.