Serving our students and their futures.

Eastern Center for Arts and Technology Awards 2022
EASTERN CENTER FOR ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

AWARDS 2022

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Welcome to the 43rd
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Allied Health

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EASTERN Foundation

Straight A Award

June Student of the Month
Allied Health

Mirical Brooks

Straight A Award
Allied Health

Alexandra Ecker

Straight A Award
Allied Health

Katie Eckert

Straight A Award
Allied Health

Ben Feenstra

Hatboro Lions Club
Presented by Ben Betzer and Phyllis Tedesco

Willow Grove Lions Club Award
Presented by John Ekey
Allied Health

Lilah Flores

OAC Excellence

Straight A Award
Allied Health

Khanh Ha

Straight A Award
Allied Health

Makira Henderson

Straight A Award
Allied Health

Elizabeth Herczeg

Achievement

Straight A Award
Allied Health

Jessica Iller

Straight A Award
Allied Health

Lauren Lepkowski

Straight A Award
Allied Health

Alexia Love

Dedication

Straight A Award
Allied Health

Kaleigh McKeaney

Achievement Award
Allied Health

Reva Naik

Straight A Award
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Vy Nguyen
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Thomas Rourke

Abington High School Alumni Association

Colony Club of Ambler Scholarship

Foundation Award for High Student Achievement

Straight A Award

Ron Eberz Memorial
Presented by Kathy Eberz
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- 1966 Automotive Technology and Upper Moreland High School senior

Awarded to

Thomas Rourke
Allied Health

Fatima Soriano

EASTERN Foundation

Straight A Award
Allied Health

Sharlene Ta

Straight A Award
Allied Health

Cayden Wiest

Dedication Award
Automotive Technology

Aiden Daly

Bryner Chevrolet Award
Automotive Technology

Campbell Gans

Conicelli Automotive Award
Automotive Technology

Marcos Garcia

Top Student

EASTERN Foundation

Faulkner Infiniti

November Student of the Month

Robert I. Morrison Memorial Award
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Awarded to

Marcos Garcia
Automotive Technology

Kevin Hernandez

Student Achievement Award
Automotive Technology

Aaron Jacobi

OAC Award
Automotive Technology

Jordyn Krugman

Springfield Rotary Award (John McCook Memorial)

Robert H. Mertz Scholarship for Further Education

Corvette Club of Delaware Valley
Presented by Tim Simmons
Robert H. Mertz Memorial Award

Robert H. Mertz taught Automotive Technology at EASTERN from 1966 to 1988. After his passing in 2008, his daughter, Ellen Mertz-Yoesron, set up the Robert H. Mertz Memorial Scholarship for Further Education in Automotive Technology to honor his memory. The award is given to one outstanding graduating senior who is continuing his or her education in Automotive.

-Ax Robert H. Mertz, 1966 to 1988
Automotive Technology Instructor

Awarded to

Jordyn Krugman
Automotive Technology

Jason Morrissy

Educators’ Association Award
Automotive Technology

Samuel Peck

Sloane Auto Group Award
Automotive Technology

Paven Reji

Verizon Automotive Technology Student Award
Automotive Technology

John Stahl

Thompson Organization Award
Automotive Technology

Mikayla Thomas

Sean C. Burke Memorial Scholarship
Founding Partner of Burke Brothers Landscape Contractors
Presented by the Burke and Sena Family
Sean C. Burke Memorial Award

In memory of 1985 Automotive Technology and Cheltenham High School graduate, Sean Burke. Sponsored by the Burke family and presented to an outstanding EASTERN Automotive Technology graduating senior who will be continuing his/her education.

Sean’s foundation at EASTERN opened his mind and doors leading him on the path to success. He was a mechanical prodigy, and he found the perfect fit in landscape contracting.

Sean and his brother, Kevin, began Burke Brothers Landscape Design in 1990.

- Sean C. Burke, 1985
  Automotive Technology Graduate

Awarded to

Mikayla Thomas
Automotive Technology

Russell Wynn

Brian Pisch Memorial Award
Presented by Paulla Pisch
Brian Pisch Memorial Award

EASTERN announces a new award honoring the memory of Brian Pisch, father of a 2017 EASTERN Automotive Technology and Archbishop Wood High School graduate, RJ Panella. Mr. Pisch passed away in May 2021, and his family has chosen to start this award to keep his memory and name alive while assisting a graduating EASTERN Automotive Technology senior as he or she pursues postsecondary education.

Awarded to

Russell Wynn
Business and Technology Professional

Mrs. Erin Derby
Business and Technology Professional

Courtney Cole

Achievement

NOCTI Excellence

Outstanding Student in Modern Office Management

Straight A Award
Business and Technology Professional

Scott Hagstrom

Straight A Award
Business and Technology Professional

Shawn Michael

Straight A Award
Business and Technology Professional

Samuel Ottenbreit

Outstanding Junior

Straight A Award
Business and Technology Professional

Kacie Reinhardt

Achievement

OAC Future Leader

Outstanding Senior

Foundation Award for High Student Achievement

Straight A Award

Willow Grove Rotary Scholarship
  (Service Above Self)
Business and Technology Professional

taylor Schulz

Outstanding Student in Microsoft Word

Straight A Award
Business and Technology Professional

Suzanne Seltzer

Outstanding Student in Business Software Essentials

Straight A Award
Business and Technology Professional

Danae Williams

Straight A Award
Collision Repair Technology

Matthew Eickhoff

Automotive Training Center Scholarship

Faulkner

Straight A Award
Collision Repair Technology

Robert Malatesta

Outstanding Senior

Straight A Award

Jamie Brett Memorial
Presented by the Brett Family
Jamie Brett Memorial Award

Jamie Brett, a 1982 Collision Repair Technology and Upper Moreland High School graduate, passed away March 12, 2021, after a hard-fought battle with pancreatic cancer.

Always an auto enthusiast, Mr. Brett spent many years in the collision repair field and the last 16 years as manager and owner/operator of O’Neil Collision Center in Hatboro, PA.

His family has chosen to honor his memory with an annual award to be granted to an EASTERN Collision Repair Technology graduating senior.

Awarded to

Robert Malatesta
Collision Repair Technology

Logan Price

Faulkner

Foundation Award for High Student Achievement

Straight A Award

Corvette Club of Delaware Valley
Presented by Tim Simmons

Springfield Township High School Alumni Association Award
Presented by Ed Zwicker
Commercial Art

Ms. Nicole Abruzzi-Mohrey
Commercial Art

Alissa Bolger

NOCTI Excellence Award
Presented by Beth Brodovsky
Commercial Art

Sarah Brodsky

Huntingdon Valley Rotary

April Student of the Month

Straight A Award

NOCTI Excellence

Presented by Beth Brodovsky
Commercial Art

Lena Cardamone

Foundation Award for High Student Achievement

Straight A Award

OAC Service

Presented by Beth Brodovsky
Commercial Art

Anna Dougherty

Creative 1st Year Photography Award
Commercial Art

Isabella Tannuzzi

NOCTI Conceptual Design Award
Presented by Beth Brodovsky
Commercial Art

Nicole Klaski

Foundation Award for High Student Achievement

Straight A Award

OAC Senior Professionalism

October Student of the Month

NOCTI Conceptual Design

Presented by Beth Brodovsky
Commercial Art

Olivia Kushner

Foundation Award for High Student Achievement

Straight A Award
Commercial Art

Jasmine Licari

Director’s Straight A Award

OAC Junior Professionalism Award
Presented by Beth Brodovsky
Commercial Art

Ethan Nesbitt
Adobe Excellence Award

[Portrait of Ethan Nesbitt]
Commercial Art

Anna Novozhylova

Outstanding Senior Sketchbook Award
Commercial Art

Aliaksandra Rumiantsova

Creative Senior Photography Award
Commercial Art

Cindy Zhou

Outstanding Junior Sketchbook

Straight A Award
Construction Technology

Mr. Jeff Pakula
Construction Technology

Cole Carpenter

Mr. P’s Carpentry Award
Construction Technology

Liam Cowley

Mr. P’s Carpentry Award
Construction Technology

Keith Feenstra

William Lotz Memorial Award
Presented by the Lotz family
William Lotz Memorial Award

Having completed his own carpentry apprenticeship as a young man, Mr. Lotz firmly believed in the importance of career and technical programs. For more than 20 years, Mr. Lotz provided EASTERN with expertise, guidance and insights that were greatly appreciated and respected.

This award is to honor a student who has been inspired by our Construction Technology program.

Awarded to

Keith Feenstra
Construction Technology

Mekhi Lindsey

OAC Achievement Award
Construction Technology

Luke Lottier

Thornton’s Carpentry Award
Construction Technology

Beckett Snyder

Mr. P’s Carpentry Award
Construction Technology

Jasmine Vong

Mr. P’s Carpentry Award
Cosmetology

Ms. Wendy Leyden
Ms. Amy Mednick
Cosmetology

Demmi Fox

Department Junior Award
Cosmetology

Isabella Matricardi

Department Senior Award
Cosmetology

Liam Mullen

Sandra Hummel Customer Service Counts Award
Cosmetology

Madison Sahl

Department Junior Award
Cosmetology

Haley Tucker

Straight A Award
Cosmetology

Mya Whitted

Department Junior Award
Cosmetology

Ainsley Zimmerman

Department Junior Award
Culinary Arts

Grace Artman

Straight A Award
Culinary Arts

tyler Burkhart

Straight A Award
Culinary Arts

Crystal Clegg
Alumni Tools of the Trade Award
Christopher Laroche Memorial
Christopher A. Laroche Memorial Award

Christopher A. Laroche was a 2001 Culinary Arts graduate. After graduation, Christopher followed in his father’s footsteps and became an Electrician.

After Christopher’s passing in 2008, his fiancée, Crystal Koch and the Laroche family, established this award for one EASTERN Culinary Arts or Electrical Technology student.

Christopher leaves behind a legacy of kindness and helpfulness toward others, and the recipient of this award is chosen by the Laroche family with those qualities in mind.

- Christopher Laroche, 2001 Culinary Arts and Abington High School graduate

Awarded to

Crystal Clegg
Culinary Arts

Jude Dunkerley

Alumni Tools of the Trade Award
Culinary Arts

Shelby Friedman
Alumni Tools of the Trade Award
Sandy Woerner Memorial Award
Presented by the Woerner family
Sandy Woerner Memorial Award

In June 2013, Stephen Woerner graduated from EASTERN’s Culinary Arts program.

At EASTERN’s Awards Night in May 2013, Stephen was the recipient of the Christopher Laroche Memorial Award. It was then that Stephen and his father, Robert, decided to establish the Sandy Woerner Memorial Award for a graduating Culinary student who will be continuing his or her education in college or has already obtained a job in the culinary field.

Sandy, Stephen’s mother, passed away on June 2012, after a courageous battle with cancer.

- Stephen Woerner, 2013 Culinary Arts Christopher Laroche Memorial Recipient

Awarded to

Shelby Friedman
Culinary Arts

Peyton Leaming

Straight A Award
Culinary Arts

Emma Marinucci

Straight A Award
Culinary Arts

Lauren Ricchini

Alumni Scholarship Fund Award

February Student of the Month
Culinary Arts

Nina Richardson

Director’s Award
Culinary Arts

Reyna Rodriguez

Alumni Tools of the Trade Award
Culinary Arts

Aiden Rodriguez

Kiwanis Club of Old York Road Scholarship
Culinary Arts

Anthony Snyder

Culinary Arts Institute Award
at Montgomery County Community College
Culinary Arts

Samaiya Willis

Alumni Tools of the Trade Award
Culinary Arts

Yair Zaga

Alumni Tools of the Trade Award
Electrical Technology

Mr. Gary Felmey
Electrical Technology

Joseph Bernstein

Straight A Award
Electrical Technology

Kevin Brunner

Straight A Award
Electrical Technology

Mario D’Alessio

Electrical Technology OAC

Straight A

January Student of the Month

Luke Wynne Gallagher Memorial
Presented by the Gallagher family
Luke Wynne Gallagher Memorial Award

“I look forward to EASTERN every day and work my hardest when I’m there. This decision I made has been the best decision of my life. I loved what I was doing at tech and I loved that I had found what I wanted to do. It doesn’t matter what you do in life, but it sure is nice to do something you like. So, don’t settle for something that isn’t what you want. Work hard and set goals.”

- Luke Gallagher
Excerpt from his 2017 Student of the Month Speech

Awarded to

Mario D’Alessio
Electrical Technology

Daniel Johnson

Straight A Award
Electrical Technology

Francis McDade

Straight A Award
Electrical Technology

Evan Praeger

Electrical Association of Philadelphia

Foundation Award for High Student Achievement

Straight A Award
Electrical Technology

Neil Preston

Magdelene Felmey Memorial

Straight A Award
Magdeline Felmey Memorial

The Magdeline Felmey Memorial Award was set up by EASTERN’s Electrical Technology Instructor, Gary Felmey in honor of his late mother. Mr. Felmey chooses a graduating senior who has displayed great determination and focus in the program.

Awarded to

Neil Preston
Electrical Technology

Damon Roberts

Straight A Award
Electrical Technology

Brandon Rudalavage

Straight A Award

Trevor Hirsch Memorial Scholarship
Presented by the Hirsch family
Trevor Hirsch Memorial Scholarship

Trevor Hirsch, was a 2016 Electrical Technology and Upper Moreland High School graduate. Trevor graduated from Penn College with an associate degree in Electrical Technology and a bachelor’s degree in Building Automation Technology. His success was marked by being offered multiple internships and employment opportunities in his field. He immediately attained a dream job and was considered a well-respected employee with a bright future.

Trevor’s quote to his parents was, “the best thing you made me do was to go to EASTERN.”

Awarded to

Brandon Rudalavage
Electrical Technology

Grayson Saul

Straight A Award
Electrical Technology

Colin Sigg

Straight A Award
Electrical Technology

Steven Smith

Marion Prochazka Charitable Remainder Trust

Straight A Award

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Awarded to

Steven Smith
Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

Sincere Dowling

Grove Supply Inc. Award
Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

Gavin Lynch

OAC Award
Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

thomas Purcell

Jim Ross Memorial Award for Skilled Trades
Jim Ross Memorial Award

The Jim Ross Memorial Award honors the memory of a man who was known by his family and friends as an advocate for skilled trades. Mr. Ross was a student in EASTERN’s Continuing Education Welding Technology program in the 1970s. He was very proud that his three grandsons and his granddaughter followed in his footsteps also pursuing Welding Technology.

This award is given to a graduating senior who is hard-working and has drive and passion for his or her skilled trade.

Awarded to

thomas Purcell
Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

Logan Taylor

OAC Award
Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

Gianni Vegas

Electrical Association of Philadelphia
Networking and Cybersecurity

Mr. Michael Refsnider
Networking and Cybersecurity

Daniel Cooper

Straight A Award
Networking and Cybersecurity

Whitney Dixon

Straight A Award
Networking and Cybersecurity

Michael Harmon

Outstanding Junior

Straight A Award
Networking and Cybersecurity

Daniel Hayes

Straight A Award
Networking and Cybersecurity

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Most Improved Student
Networking and Cybersecurity

Connor Jay

Straight A Award
Networking and Cybersecurity

Noah Wise

Outstanding Senior Award
Protective Services

Tucker Lytle

NOCTI Advanced Achievement
Protective Services

Lorraine Praeger
Abington High School Alumni Association

OAC Chairperson’s Award

September Student of the Month

Interstate
Presented by Rachel Weller

Achievement - Police
Presented by Lieutenant Scott Smith, Lower Moreland Police Department
Protective Services

Zachary Trowbridge

December Student of the Month

Hatboro Lions Club
Presented by Ben Betzer and Phyllis Tedesco

Achievement Award - Fire
Presented by Lt. Andy Gerth,
Willow Grove Fire Department
Protective Services

Leo Vansuch

Emergency Medical Services Award
Presented by Chief Klenk, Second Alarmers
Robotics and Automated Technology

Mr. Christopher Passante
Robotics and Automated Technology

Kayla Boyle

Foundation Award for High Student Achievement

Straight A Award

May Student of the Month
Robotics and Automated Technology

Joseph Condo

Demco Automation Innovation Award
Presented by Stephen Maund
Robotics and Automated Technology

Jay Hustedt

Straight A

Demco Automation Innovation Award
Presented by Stephen Maund
Robotics and Automated Technology

Ryan Long

Straight A Award
Robotics and Automated Technology

Kyle Neal

Straight A Award
Veterinary Science

Liam Burns

Foundation Award for High Student Achievement

Straight A

Veterinary Science Award
Veterinary Science

Jessica Burrell

Straight A Award
Veterinary Science

Alexis Butts

Straight A Award
Veterinary Science

Anna Greenberg

Straight A Award
Veterinary Science

Harrison Homack

Straight A Award
Veterinary Science

Alexis Lambert

Straight A Award
Veterinary Science

Anya Linn

Straight A Award
Veterinary Science

Savannah Martin

Straight A Award
Veterinary Science

Isabela McGillis

Abington High School Alumni Association

Achievement Award

EASTERN Foundation

Straight A Award
Veterinary Science

Zoe Oliveras

Straight A

Ron Eberz Memorial
Presented by Kathy Eberz

Dr. Reva Winkler Veterinary Science
Presented by Linda Heiberger
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- 1966 Automotive Technology and Upper Moreland High School senior

Awarded to

Zoe Oliveras
Dr. Reva Winkler Veterinary Science Award

Dr. Reva Winkler completed her residency at the Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Los Angeles, after graduating from the UCLA School of Medicine. She earned a Master of Public Health from the George Washington University School of Public Health.

At the National Quality Forum, Reva’s contributions to quality measurement advanced a wide array of projects to make healthcare better.

The individual selected for this award exemplifies the qualities that she championed.

- Sponsored by Linda Heiberger, former EASTERN employee and Reva’s sister-in-law

Awarded to

Zoe Oliveras
Veterinary Science

teresa Singh

Straight A

Veterinary Science Award
Veterinary Science

Jonah Twersky

Straight A Award
Veterinary Science

Abigail Urbanavage

Straight A Award
Veterinary Science

Emily Walburn

Straight A Award
Welding Technology

Mrs. Meghan Cicchino
Welding Technology

Bodhi Childs

Jason Hammer Excellence Award

March Student of the Month
Welding Technology

Aiden Cosgrove

NOCTI Excellence

OAC Achievement Award

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Awarded to

Aiden Cosgrove
Welding Technology

Benjamin Cramer

Grant Taylor Memorial

Welders Deserve A Scholarship, Too Award
Presented by Thomas Mustered
Welding Technology

thomas McKenna

Outstanding Senior Award
Welding Technology

Charles Mednick

Welding Technology Award
Welding Technology

Dylan Mignogna

Montgomery County Public Works Association

Welding Technology Award

Welders Deserve A Scholarship, Too
Presented by Thomas Mustered
Welding Technology

Felicia Morina

Adam J. Weissner Memorial Award
Adam Weissner Memorial Award

The Weissner family has made it a priority to annually recognize a student from EASTERN in loving memory of their son.

The Adam J. Weissner Memorial award is given to a hard-working student who found their niche in the Welding Technology program and demonstrates promise to succeed in the field.

- 2004 Welding Technology and Upper Moreland High School senior

Awarded to

Felicia Morina
Welding Technology

Max Stevenson

OAC Chairman Award
Eastern Center for Arts and Technology would like to recognize

Emma Massinger

for our EASTERN Care’s Promotional Designs and Graphics.

Commercial Art Graduate from Hatboro-Horsham High School

EASTERN cares

Respect, Equity, and Safety
Congratulations to all our award winners.

Please join us in the cafeteria to pick up all awards.