

## June 2023

*A report from the June 2023 meeting of EASTERN's Joint Committee. EASTERN is a part of the school districts of Abington, Bryn Athyn, Cheltenham, Hatboro-Horsham, Jenkintown, Lower Moreland, Springfield, Upper Dublin and Upper Moreland.*

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### Coming Events

Joint Committee Meeting  
Seminar Room 8 PM

August 9, 2023  
September 13, 2023  
October 11, 2023  
November 8, 2023  
December 13, 2023  
January 10, 2024  
February 14, 2024  
March 13, 2024  
April 10, 2024  
May 8, 2024  
June 19, 2024

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### June Student of the Month

Brian Smith, an Upper Moreland High School senior, is the June 2023 Student of the Month at Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) in Willow Grove. Brian is being recognized for his outstanding work in EASTERN's Exercise Science and Rehabilitation program. The Student of the Month Award is sponsored by EASTERN's faculty, Joint Operating Committee, and the Willow Grove Rotary Club to highlight student excellence, success, and service. Ten students each year are selected for this honor.

Brian has always known that a career in the medical field was in his future. When he was in tenth grade, he heard about the new EASTERN program, Exercise Science and Rehabilitation, from his Upper Moreland High School Counselor, Ms. Susan Carney. Brian had a lot of friends in various programs throughout EASTERN and heard it was a great way to prepare for your future.

At EASTERN, Brian was chosen by his Exercise Science and Rehabilitation Instructor, Ms. Shelley Helm, as a student presenter during EASTERN's 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Expo, an opportunity for 10<sup>th</sup> graders from the participating school districts to visit EASTERN programs. He is a leader in the classroom who recently assisted his instructor in teaching the Knee Unit of the course, since he took Anatomy class last year, and had good understanding of the topic. At EASTERN's May Awards Night, he received the Exercise Science and Rehabilitation Senior Award, Straight A Award, Willow Grove Rotary Scholarship, and the Willow Grove Lions Club Award. At Upper Moreland High School, Brian is a member of the National Honor Society and has achieved Distinguished Honor Roll since 2019. Brian participates in volunteer work with the National Honor Society, such as food delivery to homeless shelters, cleaning and disinfecting books for the Cops and Kids program, and peer tutoring in science-related subjects. He is also a member of the Upper Moreland Baseball Team and recently moved from Catcher to Outfielder.

"Brian has a passion for the field, and pushes himself to be his best," said Ms. Helm, EASTERN's Exercise Science and Rehabilitation Instructor. "He genuinely wants to help people, which will make him an outstanding medical professional. I am immensely proud of all of his accomplishments and cannot wait to see what his future hold."

After EASTERN and Upper Moreland High School, Brian will be attending the University of Pittsburgh where he will pursue a major in Biology and a minor in Kinesiology. After completing his undergraduate studies, he plans to attend medical school to become a doctor in physical medicine.

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## BOARD BRIEF

### Awards Night

On Wednesday, May 24, 2023, EASTERN held its annual Awards Night, at Upper Moreland High School. This year, 171 students were recognized with \$47,220 awarded for academic and technical achievement. EASTERN is grateful to the EASTERN Foundation for their fundraising efforts, and to all award sponsors, contributors, advisory committee members, and local businesses for helping EASTERN honor its outstanding students.

### Acknowledgement of Joint Operating Committee Terms

The first following terms of were approved by the Joint Operating Committee:

#### Treasurer – Marta Mecray

One-Year Term – July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

#### Secretary – Katie Braun

Four-Year Term – July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2026

#### Superintendent of Record – Dr. Scott Davidheiser

Two-Year Term – July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025

#### School Solicitor – Wisler Pearlstine, LLP

Contract – July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024

#### School Auditor – Barsz Gowie Amon Fultz (BGA&F)

Contract – July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024

### Service Recognition

The Joint Operating Committee recognized Dr. Jill Takacs for her service to EASTERN as Superintendent of Record from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

### Summer Cosmetology

The administration reports that 50 (25 COS I and 25 COS II) students have registered to participate in the Summer Cosmetology Program which begins on June 20-July 27, 2023, from 8:00 am – 2:30 pm (closed July 4).

### Student Registration – June 1, 2023

The administration reports that 705 students have registered and 664 have been enrolled for EASTERN's programs for the 2023-2024 school year.

### Executive Advisory Committee Appointments

The Joint Operating Committee will be asked to approve Jane Rickards, an Abington student in our Robotics program, as the EAC student representative for 2023-2024. Also, to approve the EAC membership for 2023-2024 and to approve new OAC members, new OAC Student Representatives, and the overall list of membership.

### Program Reviews:

The Joint Operating Committee will be asked to approve the Construction Technology and Culinary Arts Program Reviews.

### Program Equipment

The Joint Operating Committee will be asked to approve the 2024-2025 Equipment list for inclusion in the upcoming budget development cycle.

### SkillsUSA National Competition

The Joint Operating Committee will be asked to ratify approval of the costs to send 7 student competitors to Nationals with 2 advisors and contracted nursing services.

### Perkins Grant

The Joint Operating Committee will be asked to authorize EASTERN's Administration to develop and implement the Perkins Grant in the amount of \$347,088. Note, last year our allocation was \$295,438.

### Program Status

The Joint Operating Committee approved all programs will run at full-time status for the 2023-2024 school year. Please note that we will not replace the 2<sup>nd</sup> Allied Health Teacher, but will hire a part-time clinical Assistant (this motion will be presented in Personnel)

### Practical Nursing Affiliation Agreements

The Joint Operating Committee will be asked to approve the Affiliation Agreements.

### 2023-2024 School Goals

The Joint Operating Committee will be asked to approve the 2023-2024 school goals.

**Mission Statement**

The Joint Operating Committee will be asked to approve the revised Mission Statement as per the Strategic Plan. *“The Mission of the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology is to equip all students with the dynamic skills, knowledge, and mindsets to succeed in a career pathway”.*

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Upper Moreland Police**

The Joint Operating Committee will be asked to renew the current MOU with UM Police. Mr. Rooney will be making a presentation during the Agenda session to review discipline data, student management, and the MOU.

**Superintendent of Record Appointed**

The Joint Operating Committee will be asked to approve switching our Superintendent of Record from Steve Yanni to Scott Davidheiser due to Dr. Yanni’s appointment at another school outside of the EASTERN region.

**Administrative Compensation**

The administration requests approval of compensation for the administrative employees for the 2-23-2024 school year.

**2023-2024 Preliminary Professional Salary Guide**

The administration requests approval of the preliminary 2023-2024 professional salary guide. This will be finalized when all districts adopt local guides for 2023-2024.

**Allied Health Clinical Aide – Job Description**

The Joint Operating Committee will be asked to approve the Allied Health Clinical Aide Job Description (new position) and revisions to the Classified Handbook to reflect this position.

**Volunteer**

The administration requests the approval of Rich Orlando of Kenrich Mechanical, Inc. as Training Supervisor for EASTERN’s Heating, Ventilation and A/C student Keith Axten/Springfield. Also requesting approval of Jamie Hoffman of Align Precision as Training Supervisor for EASTERN’s Robotics and Automated Technology students Nicolas Caruso and Sean Durkin/Springfield.

**Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement**

The Joint Operating Committee will be asked to approve the revised agreement with the teachers to reflect the 2 additional days added to the contract for teachers in their first two years of service at EASTERN.