

## April 2023

*A report from the April 2023 meeting of EASTERN's Joint Operating 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.*

### Summary

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### Coming Events

Joint Committee Meeting

\*\*May 10, 2023  
June 21, 2023 (zoom)

\*\*Seminar Room 8 PM

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### April Student of the Month

Joseph Hardee, an Upper Moreland High School senior, is the April 2023 Student of the Month at Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) in Willow Grove. Joseph is being recognized for his outstanding work in EASTERN's Protective Services 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.

Joseph always knew his path would be to help others, so when he heard about EASTERN's career-oriented programs when he was in tenth grade, he decided to join the virtual Career Expo visit where he learned about the Protective Services and Networking and Cybersecurity programs. Joseph believes his desire to help people is something that runs in his family. Joseph's aunt and uncle on his mother's side are both detectives, his uncle on his father's side was in the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and his grandmother is a therapist. Ultimately, he chose Protective Services. His goals are to attain his bachelor's degree in criminal justice, and then join a police academy and work his way up the chain of command.

At EASTERN, Joseph serves as the Protective Service program Platoon Sergeant, which is the second highest-ranking student official in the class. He has earned many industry-standard certifications through his program such as Basic Life Support, Hazardous Materials Awareness, and several certifications from National Incident Management Systems (NIMS). Joseph is regularly chosen to speak about his program at EASTERN recruitment events. At Upper Moreland High School, Joseph is a Defensive Starter on the football team.

"Joseph is an outstanding student and a leader in the classroom," said Mr. Dan Schaeffer, EASTERN's Protective Services Instructor. "He has a professionalism and commitment to the field that is beyond his years. I know that he will make an excellent police officer and I cannot wait to see what the future holds for him and his career."

After EASTERN and Upper Moreland High School, Joseph will be attending Shippensburg University's Criminal Justice department for the Fall. His dream is to climb the ranks as a police officer.

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# BOARD BRIEF

## Facilities

### Energy Agreement

The Joint Operating Committee approved the WLG Energy agreement for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025.

### Interstate

The Joint Operating Committee approved the renewal of the Interstate custodial contract.

### SDA Mechanical

The Joint Operating Committee approved a 3-year contract with SDA Mechanical for HVAC services.

## Internship/Cooperative Education Supervisors

The Joint Operating Committee approved the following as training supervisors for our cooperative learning program:

- Howard Gaul of Collision Concepts as training supervisor for Jason Morrissey (Automotive Technology/Springfield)
- Jack Brady of Martelli's Metal Fabrication as training supervisor for Esani Blythe (Welding Technology/Upper Dublin)
- Jeff Orkin of Orkin Electrical Systems as training supervisor for Max Finley (Electrical Technology/Jenkintown)

## Donations

The Joint Operating Committee approved donations of a stethoscope, two scrub tops, and a scrub jacket from Kim Casey for the Allied Health program, and a waver hair styler, hair dryer, and large barrel curing iron from Amy Shields for the Cosmetology program.

## Women's History Month at EASTERN

During the month of March, EASTERN spotlighted several outstanding students and alumna to celebrate National Women's History Month. Alumna spotlighted include Cassie Lynch, a 2019 Veterinary Science/Jenkintown High School graduate who continued her education at Manor College, and now works for a small animal practice, and Betsy Herczeg, a 2022 Allied Health/Springfield Township High School graduate who is now attending Thomas Jefferson University and plans to become an ER Nurse.

Student spotlights included Jane Rickards from Robotics and Automated Technology/Abington Senior High School, Reese Fichter from Culinary Arts/Upper Dublin High School, Tori Simmons from Veterinary Science/Cheltenham High School, and Taylor Schulz from Business and Technology Professional/Springfield Township High School.

## Personnel

### Protective Services

The Joint Operating Committee approved the extension of Dan Schaefer's last day from April 26 to April 28, and appointing Michael Raggi as our new Protective Services teacher effective April 17, 2023, with mentor Michael Refsnider.

### Business and Technology Professional

The Joint Operating Committee approved the resignation of Jeff Kling as long-term substitute instructor for the Business and Technology Professional program.

### School to Career Coordinator Position

The Joint Operating Committee approved moving Erin Derby back to her position as Business and Technology Professional program instructor. EASTERN will use in-house coverage to release Gary Felmy and Erin Derby from class one day per week to cover the School to Career position.

### Substitute Welding Technology

#### Instructor

The Joint Operating Committee approved Scott Horan as a Welding Substitute Instructor. Horan is a 2020 EASTERN Welding Technology/ Upper Moreland Township School District graduate.

### Summer Work

The Joint Operating Committee approved five additional summer hours for EASTERN's Student Success Coordinators, Ferne Andre, Rebecca Ashworth, and Veronica Stanley.

### Collective Bargaining Agreement

The Joint Operating Committee approved the 2023-2028 agreement between EASTERN and EASTERN's Education Association.