

March 2023

A report from the March 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.

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Joint Committee Meeting

April 12, 2023 (zoom)

**May 10, 2023

June 21, 2023 (zoom)

**Seminar Room 8 PM

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March Student of the Month

Angelina Makris an Upper Moreland High School senior is the March 2023 Student of the Month at Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) in Willow Grove. Angelina was recognized for her outstanding work in EASTERN's Design, Photography, and Illustration (formerly Commercial Art) 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.

Angelina has always been interested in art. When she visited Design, Photography, and Illustration (DPI) at EASTERN through the 10th Grade Career Expo, she realized that there were many career paths in the art field. She also learned about the importance of building a professional and diverse portfolio for college and to obtaining jobs.

At EASTERN, Angelina serves as the DPI class officer. Angelina enjoys participating in EASTERN's student leadership organization, SkillsUSA, and received second place in the local Job Demonstration Competition in 2021. As a junior, Dr. Cathleen Plesnarski, EASTERN's Executive Director, selected her design, as the school's official holiday card.

Angelina is regularly chosen by her instructor, Ms. Nicole Abruzzi, to assist with recruitment events for the school. In October of 2022, she was selected as a student speaker, and to design the program for a Designer Bag Bingo fundraiser to benefit EASTERN's Student Leadership organization, SkillsUSA, and EASTERN's Educational Foundation for student awards. Through the DPI program, Angelina has received her Adobe InDesign Certification and is working toward her Adobe Photoshop Certification. Outside of school, Angelina enjoys working at Michaels Arts and Crafts in Abington, as well as babysitting, pet-sitting, and dog walking.

After graduation from Upper Moreland High School and EASTERN, Angelina plans to attend Montgomery County Community College, and then matriculate to a program to focus on animation and web design.

Open House 2023

EASTERN's Open House was held on Sunday, March 5, 2023, from 1-3:00 p.m. There were many visitors throughout the day, as well as Advisory Committee members, Joint Operating Committee members, EASTERN staff and administration. Nine post-secondary representatives were on hand. Faculty members indicated that there was a constant influx of students and parents visiting the classrooms through the event.

SkillsUSA Fundraisers

The Joint Operating Committee approved EASTERN’s participation in the SkillsUSA State Leadership Conference, where our ten medalists, thirteen direct-to-state, and three chaperones will participate in the state competitions from April 12-14 in Hershey, PA. Costs for our medalists and chaperones will be covered by the school and the direct-to-state competitors will be funded through Student Activities money.

Occupational Advisory Committee Members Approved

The Joint Operating Committee approved the appointment of the following Occupational Advisory members:

- Allied Health: Tori Bone (Pre-Med Student) - Gwynedd Mercy University
- Automotive Technology: Ryan Kinkade (Service Director) - Mercedes Benz of Fort Washington
- Electrical Technology: Bill Dayton (Facilities Supervisor) - Sesame Place
-Francis McDade (Business Representative) - IBEW LU 98
-Bill Tuturice (President/CEO) - Northstar Electrical Services, Inc.
- Robotics and Automated Technology: Michael Spitznagel (Maintenance Manager) - Align Precision
-Jay Watson (Director of Operations) - Align Precision
- Collision Repair Technology: Kody Levine (Auto Technician) - JD’s Auto Restoration Center
- Protective Services: Lorraine Praeger (Firefighter) - Roslyn Fire Company

Memorandum of Understanding for Technical Assistance Program

The Joint Operating Committee approved the renewal of EASTERN’s Memorandum of Understanding with the Technical Assistance Program. This program gives EASTERN free access to NOCTI study guides and pretests and a CTE Distinguished School Leader (free coaching).

Donations

The Joint Operating Committee approved a donation of fifteen pints of base coat paint and a half gallon of reducer from Mondello’s Auto Body for the Collision Repair Technology Program.

2023 – 2024 School Calendar

The Joint Operating Committee approved the 2023 – 2024 School calendar. The calendar will be posted on EASTERN’s website shortly – www.eastech.org.

Summer Hours

The Joint Operating Committee approved 12-month, full-time staff the option of working a 4-day work week this summer. This was piloted last year and was successful and much appreciated.

Personnel

Professional Staff

The Joint Operating Committee approved Sarina Breen as a Cosmetology substitute instructor.

Classified Staff

The Joint Operating Committee approved six hours of overtime for Alberto Soto, Facilities Technician, for helping with Open House.

The Joint Operating Committee approved the continued employment of Sandra Terrones through May 12, 2023. Sandra is serving as a Long-Term Substitute Instructional Aide in Allied Health.

Training Supervisors Approved

The Joint Operating Committee approved the following Student Internships and Co-op Supervisors:

- Danny O’Donnell, Automotive/Hatboro Horsham, to work at Earthborne Inc under the supervision of Eric Hannawacker.
- Anthony Buonopane, Automotive/Christian Calvary Academy, to work at BMW of Fort Washington under the supervision of Richard Lanci.
- Ken Cordon-Acevedo, Construction/Springfield, to work at Mark Lesser General Contractor LLC under the supervision of Mark Lesser.
- Ryan Dermer, Welding/Abington, to work at Albert C. Phys & Sons under the supervision of Mathew Phy.
- James McAvoy, Construction/Abington, to work at Stokes General Contracting under the supervision of Ryan Stokes.
- Gabrielle McLeod, Exercise Science/Cheltenham, to work at Lang Chiropractic Wellness and Spa under the supervision of Dr. Janet Lang.
- Ashton Thorpe, Automotive/Abington, to work at Honda of Abington under the supervision of Andrea Smith.
- Daniel Johnson, Electrical/Upper Dublin, to work at Thompson Electric under the supervision of George Thompson.