

September 2023

A report from the September 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
Online via Zoom
**Seminar Room 8 PM

October 11, 2023
**November 8, 2023
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February 14, 2024
**March 13, 2024
April 10, 2024
**May 8, 2024
June 19, 2024

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September Student of the Month

Marin Goldfarb, a Cheltenham High School senior, is the September 2023 Student of the Month at Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) in Willow Grove. Marin was recognized for her outstanding work in EASTERN's Design, Photography, and Illustration (DPI) program. The Student of the Month Award is sponsored by EASTERN's faculty, the 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.

Marin had a friend who attended Design, Photography, and Illustration at EASTERN, and she liked the idea of learning more about careers in art. She spoke to her Cheltenham High School Counselor who encouraged her to visit EASTERN. Shortly after beginning the program, Marin emerged as a class officer and successful SkillsUSA competitor. She enjoys the hands-on approach to determining career goals that EASTERN offers.

At EASTERN, she was selected by her instructor to be the class officer for SkillsUSA, EASTERN's student leadership organization, and was chosen to attend the Career and Technical Student Organization Fall Leadership Conference in November 2022. Marin placed second in the SkillsUSA State Competition for T-shirt Design in April 2023. Marin volunteers her time at many EASTERN activities such as Career Expo, where she spoke to prospective 10th graders at Cheltenham about her EASTERN program and assisted her EASTERN instructors with classroom setup for Parents Night presentations. At EASTERN's Awards Night in May 2023, Marin received the Straight A Award, the prestigious Director's Award, the Design, Photography, and Illustration OAC Service Award, and the Outstanding Junior Sketchbook Award. Also, in May, she was inducted into EASTERN's first National Technical Honor Society.

At Cheltenham High School, Marin is a consistent Honor Roll student and was last year's Blue and Gold Captain, who managed, planned, and organized schoolwide activities, advertised spirit week, painted a mural in the school hallway, and ran the schoolwide Instagram page. She also participates in the Cheltenham High School theater program.

"Marin gives 100 percent effort to projects she is working on," said Ms. Nicole Abruzzi, EASTERN Design, Photography, and Illustration Instructor. She is creative, intelligent, and professional. I am looking forward to watching her skills continue to grow this year."

After graduation, she plans to attend the Pennsylvania College of Art and Design in Lancaster for graphic design, and then begin doing freelance graphic design work.

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Cosmetology Curriculum Hours

The Joint Operating Committee approved Cosmetology instruction during the three in-service days on November 7, 2023, February 16, 2024, and April 23, 2024.

Donations

The Joint Operating Committee approved the generous donations made to EASTERN programs:

- Various paints and tints were donated by Colours, Inc. for use in the Collision Repair Technology program.
- Pallets of masking tape were donated by the Collision Education Foundation for use in the Collision Repair Technology program.

Veterinary Science Student Interns Appointed

The Joint Operating Committee approved the appointment of the following Veterinary Science students as weekend interns to care for on-site animals.

- Tori Simmons – Cheltenham High School
- Hayley Aldred – Hatboro-Horsham High School
- Molly Stevenson – Abington School District

Adult Supervisors for the weekend animal care include the following EASTERN staff members:

- Mary McDonnell, Administrative Assistant, Practical Nursing
- Marketa Crane, Human Resource Coordinator
- Eileen Collins, Administrative Assistant to the CTE Supervisor
- Trisha Simmler-Totaro, Instructional Aide for Design, Photography, and Illustration.

Aldersgate Onsite Counseling Services

The Joint Operating Committee approved the proposal from Aldersgate to provide onsite counseling services for students for the 2023-2024 school year. This expense is being covered by the COVID-19 Public Health Workforce Supplemental Funding Grant. EASTERN is pleased to be able to offer this service with an increased focus on the mental health of students.

BOARD BRIEF

Personnel

Retirement of Practical Nursing Program Coordinator – Carol Duell

The Joint Operating Committee accepted the retirement of Practical Nursing Program Coordinator Carol Duell, effective June 30, 2024. They also adopted a Resolution acknowledging her 23 years of service and many contributions to this school.

Practical Nursing Adjunct Faculty Member Appointed

The Joint Operating Committee approved the appointment of Susan Hendricks, RN, as an adjunct faculty member for the Practical Nursing program.

Designer Bag Bingo

EASTERN is holding its Designer Bag Bingo on September 27, 2023, at Upper Moreland High School in the cafeteria. Bingo will be held from 6 – 8 p.m. and doors will open at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$30.00 online in advance (10 games + dauber), or \$35.00 cash only at the door.

Extra games can be purchased at the event ~ 1 set of 10 additional for \$25 or \$5 each (cash only.) Snacks will be available for purchase (cash only), but please feel free to bring your own food.

There will be a 50/50 and gift basket raffles are also being held (cash only).

Alcohol is NOT permitted at the event nor on the school grounds. No checks or credit cards will be accepted at the event.

All proceeds will benefit SkillsUSA and the EASTERN Foundation, which in turn, benefits our EASTERN students. Reserve your seats here – <https://easternfoundation.simpleshop.com/product/bingo>

Foundation Fundraisers

- Honeygrow in Willow Grove - October 13, 2023 – 10:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Anthony's Coal-Fired Pizza – November 9, 2023 – 11:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.