

May 2023

A report from the May 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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Coming Events

Joint Operating Committee Meeting Via Zoom; 8 PM

June 21, 2023

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May Student of the Month

Chaiyah Levy, a Cheltenham High School senior, is the May 2023 Student of the Month at Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) in Willow Grove. Chaiyah is being recognized for her outstanding work in EASTERN's Allied Health 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.

Chaiyah knew that she enjoyed helping people and decided to focus on learning more about a career in nursing during the pandemic. "People needed help, and nurses were at the front lines caring for patients in such an uncertain time," said Chaiyah. She heard about the Allied Health program through a presentation at her high school, and she felt as though Allied Health would be a good opportunity for her to explore the possibility of a career in nursing, and to find out if this was something she wanted to do with her career.

At EASTERN, Chaiyah is a top student, inquisitive, engaged in class, and always willing to help others. Through the Allied Health program, Chaiyah is certified in Healthcare Provider Basic Life Support (CPR/AED), and Naloxone Administration to prevent opioid overdose. She received first place in the SkillsUSA District Competition for Customer Service, and recently competed at the state level. She excelled in the Allied Health Medical Terminology dual enrollment course in partnership with Montgomery County Community College and has earned three college credits. At Cheltenham High School, she is an honor roll student, and she participates in the Black Scholars program, the Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) Leadership Team and is a Cheerleader.

"Chaiyah is very supportive and inclusive of others and listens intently to the contributions of her peers," said Ms. Allison Latzo, EASTERN's Allied Health instructor. "She is a student leader and consistently displays her professionalism."

After EASTERN and Cheltenham High School, Chaiyah plans to attend Montgomery County Community College for two years, and then transfer to Howard University or Duquesne University to complete her Nursing degree. She also plans to continue her education further to earn her master's degree.

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BOARD BRIEF

EASTERN's First National Technical Honor Society Induction

Outstanding Career and Technical Students at EASTERN were honored on May 10, 2023, as the first inductees into the National Technical Honor Society, the honor society for Career & Technical Education (CTE). Twenty students were inducted for membership based on their skill development and academic achievement in their Career & Technical courses. Congratulations to:

- Ian Bayne, Culinary Arts, Abington
- Mason Brocke, Veterinary Science, Upper Moreland
- Charles Cribb, Welding Technology, Upper Moreland
- Reese Fichter, Culinary Arts, Upper Dublin
- Margaret Fitt, Cosmetology, Lower Moreland
- Marin Goldfarb, Design, Photography, and Illustration, Cheltenham
- Henri Heath, Networking and Cybersecurity, Cheltenham
- Anthony Jorge, Electrical Technology, Cheltenham
- Jay Moon, Protective Services, Upper Moreland
- Damien Mreese, Collision Repair Technology, Hatboro-Horsham
- Olivia Narodowski, Veterinary Science, Upper Dublin
- Owen Nicholson, Electrical Technology, Hatboro-Horsham
- Emily Peck, Culinary Arts, Upper Moreland
- Jacob Richards, Welding Technology, Upper Moreland
- 'Gabriel Rodriguez, Construction Technology, Cheltenham
- Thomas Shevlin, Electrical Technology, Springfield
- Timothy Tilson, Design, Photography, and Illustration, Upper Dublin
- Emma Weiss, Culinary Arts, Upper Moreland
- Keegan Wells, Veterinary Science, Springfield
- Sherry Zheng, Networking and Cybersecurity, Upper Moreland

Practical Nursing Tuition

The Joint Operating Committee approved a Practical Nursing tuition increase from \$16,250 to \$16,850 for the 2023 – 2024 school year.

Joint Operating Committee Treasurer

The JOC approved Marta Mecray, EASTERN's Accountant, as Treasurer for the upcoming year.

Professional Personnel

- Allison Latzo, EASTERN's Allied Health Instructor, has been approved for unpaid leave through the remainder of the school year.
- Gary Felme, Electrical Technology Instructor, has been approved to work up to 300 hours on electrical projects this summer.

Classified Personnel

- The retirement of Lori Ingersoll, Administrative Assistant for Practical Nursing Admissions has been approved effective June 15, 2023.
- The term of employment for Sandra Torres, Long-Term Substitute Student Success Aide in Allied Health, has been extended until May 31, 2023.

Summer Cosmetology Instructors Approved The Joint Operating

The Joint Operating Committee approved the following instructors for the Summer Cosmetology program:

- Sandra Hummel
- Leah Davis
- Mark Folkman

Donations

The Joint Operating Committee approved the of the following donations in support of the instructional programs:

- 75 quarts of tints, 12 gallons of paints, 22 quarts of mixed paints, 6 gallons of reducers, and plastic car covers were donated by Mark Denitz from Modern Auto Body for use in the Collision Repair Technology program.
- 36 "Team Collision Center" uniform pants and shirts were donated by Victor Baptista from Team Collision Center for use in the Collision Repair Technology program. Eastern Center for Joint Operating Committee Agenda Arts and Technology May 10, 2023
- 5 doors and 2 hoods were donated by Ken Piccari for use in the Collision Repair Technology program.
- •A 2017 Dodge Caravan was donated by Steve Pleier for use in the Automotive Technology program.

Summer Maintenance Technology Interns

The following EASTERN Electrical Technology students have been selected as summer interns:

- Jacob Richards – Upper Moreland / Welding Technology
- Kevin Clarke – Upper Moreland / Electrical Technology
- Jane Rickards – Abington / Robotics and Automated Technology
- Matthew Brifo – Hatboro Horsham / Electrical Technology
- Anthony Jorge – Cheltenham / Electrical Technology