

June 2024

A report from the June 2024 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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Joint Committee Meeting
Seminar Room 8 PM

August 14, 2024
September 11, 2024
October 9, 2024
November 13, 2024
December 11, 2024
January 8, 2025
February 12, 2025
March 12, 2025
April 9, 2025
May 14, 2025
June 18, 2025

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June Student of the Month

Matthew Gorman, an Upper Moreland High School senior, is the June 2024 Student of the Month at Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) in Willow Grove. Matthew is being recognized for his outstanding work in EASTERN's Automotive Technology 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.

Matthew's passion for cars traces back to his grandfather, who is an engineer, mechanic, and car enthusiast. This influence sparked Matthew's interest in the auto industry. His EASTERN journey began in tenth grade when he visited during EASTERN's Career Expo, where he was able to visit three programs of his choice. Impressed by what he saw, Matthew later brought his family to EASTERN's Open House, further solidifying his commitment to pursuing his passion in the automotive field.

At EASTERN, Matthew serves as the Automotive Technology SkillsUSA Class Representative. He has already earned several industry-standard certifications in Safety and Pollution Prevention (S/P2) and Valvoline certifications. In December 2023, Matthew achieved first place at the Auto Dealers of Association Greater Philadelphia (ADAGP) Auto Tech written competition. He was one of two EASTERN students chosen to compete in the ADAGP hands-on competition in March 2024. Additionally, in January 2023, he secured third place at the SkillsUSA District Competition for Automotive Service Technology.

At Upper Moreland High School, Matthew participates in the Marching Band and Indoor Percussion. Beyond academics, he volunteers at the Roslyn Fire Department. Matthew also runs his own lawn care business and works as a Lot Attendant at Faulkner Infiniti Alfa Romeo Maserati, where he details vehicles and prepares them for full-time detailers.

After graduating from Upper Moreland and EASTERN, Matthew will be attending Temple University for Mechanical Engineering and has already received a scholarship for his program.

Awards Night

On Wednesday, May 22, 2024, EASTERN held its annual Awards Night, at Upper Moreland High School. This year, 170 students were recognized with \$48,000 awarded for academic and technical achievement. EASTERN is grateful to the EASTERN Foundation for their fundraising efforts, and to all EASTERN staff, award sponsors, contributors, advisory committee members, and local businesses for helping EASTERN honor its outstanding students.

June 2024	BOARD BRIEF
<u>Joint Operating Committee Terms</u> Treasurer – Marta Mecray One-Year Term – July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 Secretary – Katie Braun Four-Year Term – July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2026 Superintendent of Record – Dr. Jeffrey Fecher Two-Year Term – July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026 School Solicitor – Wisler Pearlstine, LLP Contract – July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024 School Auditor – Barsz Gowie Amon Fultz Contract – July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024 <u>Service Recognition</u> The Joint Operating Committee recognized Dr. Scott Davidheiser, EASTERN's Superintendent of Record, for his service at EASTERN. <u>Summer Cosmetology</u> The administration reported that 50 (24 COS I and 26 COS II) students have registered to participate in the Summer Cosmetology Program which runs from June 20-July 24, 2024, from 8:00 am – 2:30 pm (no classes July 4 and July 5). There are 6 waitlisted who will be accommodated as students complete. <u>Student Registration and Program Status</u> The administration reported that 816 students have registered and 701 have been enrolled for EASTERN's programs for the 2024-2025 school year. All programs will run at full-time status for the 2024-2025 school year. <u>2024-2025 School Goals</u> The Joint Operating Committee approved the 2024-2025 school goals. - Climate and Culture: Create and maintain a positive school climate where students and staff feel safe, respected, heard, and valued. - Educational Programming: Continuously improve current programming and expand based on labor market need and student interest. - Student Achievement: Foster student achievement and outcomes in completing the program and transitioning to post-graduation career plans.	<u>Advisory Committee Appointments</u> The Joint Operating Committee approved Angelina Tang, an Upper Dublin High School student in our Culinary Arts program, as the EAC student representative for 2024-2025; EAC memberships for 2024-2025; new OAC members; OAC Student Representatives for 2024-2025; and the overall list of membership. <u>Program Review</u> The Joint Operating Committee approved the Welding Technology Program Review. <u>Program Equipment</u> The Joint Operating Committee approved the 2025-2026 Equipment list for inclusion in the upcoming budget development cycle. <u>SkillsUSA State Officers Training</u> The Joint Operating Committee approved the costs to send advisor Karen McGeehan and VET student, Lillian Craney/Springfield, to attend the State Officers Training Preparation in Chambersburg, PA from August 12-13, 2024. <u>Perkins Grant</u> The Joint Operating Committee authorized the development and implementation of the Perkins Grant in the amount of \$340,407 for the 2024-2025 school year. <u>Practical Nursing Affiliation Agreements</u> The Joint Operating Committee approved the Affiliation Agreements. <u>Personnel</u> <u>Superintendent of Record Appointed</u> The Joint Operating Committee approved Dr. Jeffrey Fecher as Superintendent of Record for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. <u>Compensations</u> The Joint Operating Committee approved Administrative, Professional, Classified, Practical Nursing and Continuing Education salaries for the 2024-2025 school year. <u>Addendum to the Educators' Association Agreement</u> The JOC approved an addendum to the agreement regarding personal days and inclement weather day flexible professional development.

Retirement

The Joint Operating Committee approved the retirement of Administrative Assistant to Business Manager, Debra O'Brien, effective June 6, 2024.

New Hires

The Joint Operating Committee approved the following new hires:

- Administrative Assistant to Business Manager, Michele Zimmerman, effective July 1, 2024
- Administrative Assistant to CTE Supervisor, Tamika Perez, effective July 8, 2024
- Construction Cluster Occupational Aide, Ivan Cruz, effective August 28, 2024

Policy C108-Social Events and Program Trips – First Reading

The Joint Operating Committee approved the revised policy which will allow an outside agency to solicit participation among our staff and students by removing connection to EASTERN.

Technical Assistant Program (TAP)

The Joint Operating Committee approved the 2024-2025 Memorandum of Understanding for participation in the BCTE Technical Assistance Program. Through this program, EASTERN receives the following at no cost to the school:

- Career and Technical Distinguished School Leader: Free coaching and mentoring services to EASTERN Leadership Team.
- NOCTI Pre-Tests and Study Guides: Free resources to promote and support student achievement.
- MAX Teaching – Free training for teachers on research-based instructional practices.
- Pennsylvania Inspired Leadership courses – free professional development for members of the administrative team.

2024-2025 Contracts

- Insurance Renewals
- CSIU Rates
- PSBA Better Unemployment Compensation
- Youngscape for landscaping services
- SDA Mechanical for boiler state inspection
- UGI Energy Services Agreement
- Effective Controls East Maintenance
- SDA Mechanical-emergency mechanical service