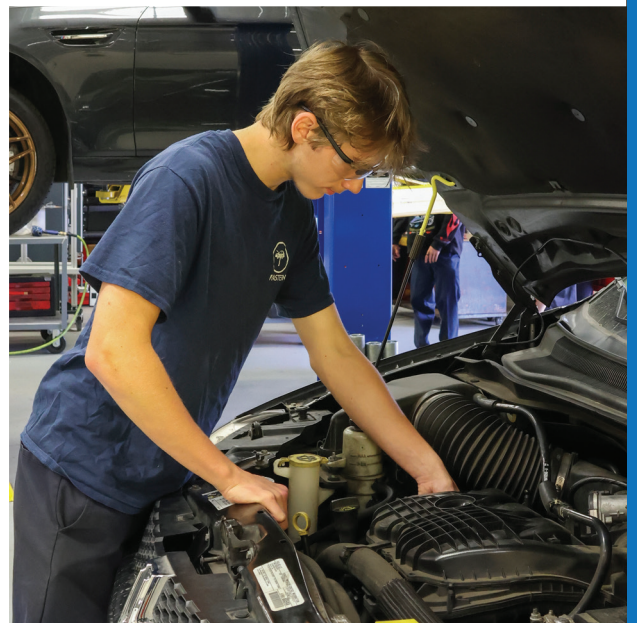




ANNUAL REPORT

Every Day, Every Student
EVERY OPPORTUNITY
Get Real World Experience



2024 - 2025

Educational Services Provided by EASTERN Center for Arts and Technology

Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) responds to the needs of students, businesses, and industry to provide an environment where students can make career decisions, acquire competitive skills, and prepare for success in postsecondary education. EASTERN offers high-quality, continuously evaluated, and updated technical instruction, and leadership opportunities.

EASTERN's secondary programs are accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools - Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA CESS).

EASTERN is co-owned and serves students from the following school districts:

Abington	Lower Moreland
Bryn Athyn	Springfield
Cheltenham	Upper Dublin
Hatboro-Horsham	Upper Moreland
Jenkintown	

Secondary School Programs 2024 – 2025

Allied Health	Exercise Science and
Automotive Technology	Rehabilitation
Business and Technology	Heating, Ventilation and
Professional	Air Conditioning
Collision Repair Technology	Networking and Cybersecurity
Construction Technology	Protective Services
Cosmetology	Robotics and Automated
Culinary Arts	Technology
Design, Photography and Illustration	Veterinary Science
Electrical Technology	Welding Technology

College Incentives Through Articulation Agreements

One of the added benefits of enrolling in a program at EASTERN is the ability to earn college credits for work completed. Students in many of our programs were eligible for this college incentive through the growing list of colleges, universities, and trade schools that consider the work completed at EASTERN college level. We strive to streamline the transition for our students from EASTERN to postsecondary education.

Students may qualify for college credits, without cost, through SOAR statewide articulation agreements. Statewide articulation agreements include schools such as Bucks County Community College, Delaware County Community College, Montgomery County Community College, Community College of Philadelphia, and Harcum College.

All statewide articulation agreements can be found at www.collegetransfer.net under the SOAR program section. All local agreements are on EASTERN's website's Parents and Students section, www.eastech.org.

Dual Credit with Montgomery County Community College

Through our dual credit opportunities with Montgomery County Community College (MCCC), students enrolled in EASTERN's Allied Health, Business and Technology Professional, and Networking and Cybersecurity programs had the opportunity to take advantage of earning college credits while enrolled in EASTERN classes.

Students who participated in the dual credit program are considered MCCC students and have access to all MCCC resources. MCCC requires a specific number of students to commit to participation in the dual enrollment program per class for this benefit to be made available. EASTERN students in these dual enrollment programs received discounted tuition rates for the MCCC college credits. EASTERN is always seeking new opportunities to provide dual enrollment credits to students.

Dual Credit with Pennsylvania College of Technology

New for the 2024 – 2025 school year, EASTERN and Penn College of Technology established a dual credit partnership for five EASTERN programs: Collision Repair Technology, Culinary Arts, Design, Photography, and Illustration, Electrical Technology, and Welding Technology. The Penn College of Technology Dual Enrollment Page can be found here - www.pct.edu/academics/academic-excellence/penn-college-dual-enrollment

Middle School

EASTERN hosts summer specialty camps (ages 10-14) for younger students on EASTERN's campus. In the summer of 2025, a one-week Photography camp was offered, led by Trisha Simmler-Totaro, Instructional Aide for EASTERN's Design, Photography, and Illustration program.

Adult, Continuing Education and Contracted Programs

EASTERN offers adults a variety of career-focused certification and apprenticeship classes. Online enrichment and technical classes are also available. These programs provide opportunities for adults in our community to transition to a new career or enhance their technical knowledge. Additional information on EASTERN's Continuing Education programs are found on the Continuing Education page at www.eastech.org.

Practical Nursing

Practical Nursing classes are available during the day on a one-year full-time basis, or evenings and weekend days in a two-year part-time format. The program is approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools - Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA CESS). Additional information on EASTERN's Practical Nursing program is found on the Practical Nursing page at www.eastech.org.

Message from Dr. Cathleen Plesnarski
Executive Director



“Every Day, Every Student, Every Opportunity” was a call to action to look at our students individually, to reach out to our industry and post-secondary partners to increase options for students after high

school, to think creatively to increase student access to our programming and address historically high wait-lists, and to continue to amplify the way we celebrate and include students within our school community.

In the 2024-2025 school year, we offered a record-high number of Expanded Learning Opportunities that allowed students to interact with guest speakers from colleges, trade school, and local companies or to make site visits. We expanded our dual credit option by adding dual credit through the Pennsylvania College of Technology for five of our programs. We also received approval for our HVAC program to be our first approved, registered pre-apprenticeship program to continue our efforts to build strong pipelines from school to work for our students.

In response to the rising interest in our programs and more than 100 students being unable to access our programs due to capacity issues, we worked collaboratively with our district Superintendents to explore options for increasing the capacity of our building. We were one of only a few technical schools awarded a PAsmart Grant of \$400,000 to help make this happen for the 2026-2027 school year, when we will open a building trades program to address the wait lists in our Construction Careers and Management program.

We continue amplifying our student voice and celebrate our student success. Thanks to feedback from our student focus group, we installed our very first student-choice vending machine—an instant hit! Not only does it satisfy snack cravings, but it also directly supports our SkillsUSA, our student leadership organization. We collaborate with our EASTERN Education Foundation to recognize students at our annual Awards Night. The 2025 Awards Night was one of the most well-attended events in EASTERN’s history, with \$64,000 awarded to 224 students. It was a true testament to the generosity of our community and the hard work of our students.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the students, faculty, staff, families, and community partners who make EASTERN not just a school where students feel safe, seen, valued, and included, but also a place that values opportunities for every student, every day.

Every Day
Every Student
Every Opportunity

Mission

The Mission of the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology is to equip all students with the dynamic skills, knowledge, and mindsets to succeed in a career pathway.

What We Believe

Student success is the ultimate purpose of everything that happens in the school.

Meaningful improvement in every aspect of the school is always identifiable and achievable.

Every member of the school community sets **high expectations** in every endeavor, individual or collective.

Effective decision-making must actively involve all of the school’s constituencies and depends on access to and use of enough of the right kind of data.

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Marketing and Recruitment Coordinator

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GOAL 1

CLIMATE AND CULTURE

Create and maintain a positive school climate where students and staff feel safe, respected, heard, and valued.



This year, EASTERN's Equity Committee—made up of faculty, staff, and administrators—continued to enhance the student exit survey and successfully facilitated another round of student focus groups.

The committee also explored new ways to recognize and celebrate the diverse identities and accomplishments of our student body throughout the year. EASTERN created a comprehensive Diversity and Heritage Calendar that included National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month, Black History Month, National Women's History Month, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and Pride Month.

During these observances, teachers and administrators nominated students for their achievements both in and out of the classroom. For the first time, students were also invited to nominate themselves or peers, helping spotlight individuals making a difference at EASTERN, in their home high schools, or in the community.

In addition, EASTERN introduced its own "Entrepreneurship Month" in January to highlight student innovation and initiative.

Student Diversity Recognition

National Hispanic Heritage Month

Evelyn Escamilla-Gomez, Cosmetology/Hatboro-Horsham High School

Mary Rivas-Leiva, Allied Health/Hatboro-Horsham High School

Virgymar Basabe Ruiz, Allied Health/Cheltenham High School

Community Service Month

Matthew Lesniak, Welding Technology/Upper Dublin High School

Aidan Praeger, Welding Technology/Abington Senior High School

Eddie O'Brien, Welding Technology/Abington Senior High School

Logan Sellers, Protective Services/Hatboro-Horsham High School

Nia Bonaparte, Allied Health/Cheltenham High School

Avery Cleary, Protective Services/Springfield Township High School

Entrepreneurship Month

Izzy Hicks, Allied Health/Hatboro-Horsham High School

Nonkululeko Waters, Protective Services/Upper Moreland High School

Black History Month

Jayla Martin, Cosmetology/Cheltenham High School

Naima Tijana, Culinary Arts/Abington Senior High School

Adrayanna Douglas, Robotics and Automated Technology/Jenkintown High School

Mirya Smith, Design, Allied Health/Upper Moreland High School

Khafra Anyika, Welding Technology/Cheltenham High School

Amira Banks Exercise Science and Rehabilitation/Cheltenham High School

Chaze Shakoor, Veterinary Science/Jenkintown High School

National Women's History Month

Aneesa Anderson, Culinary Arts/Cheltenham High School

Lisa Truong, Culinary Arts/Abington Senior High School

Diana Codio, Networking and Cybersecurity/Cheltenham High School

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Kaien Lu, Culinary Arts/Abington Senior High School

Cameron Fleig, Welding Technology/Hatboro-Horsham High School

Pride Month

Charlotte Nash, Veterinary Science/Lower Moreland High School

Tobias Wendell, Design, Photography, and Illustration/Cheltenham High School

Student Focus Group Volunteers

Evelyn DaSilva – Design, Photography, and Illustration/
Hatboro-Horsham High School

Hayden Zimmerman – Veterinary Science/Abington Senior
High School

Kayla Ervin – Business and Technology Professional/
Cheltenham High School

Khafra Anyika – Welding Technology/Cheltenham High
School

Makaila Dupree – Business and Technology Professional/
Cheltenham High School

McKenzie Cowley – Veterinary Science/Hatboro-Horsham
High School

Morgan Kelly– Exercise Science and Rehabilitation/
Cheltenham High School

Paul Bilotta – Automotive Technology/Upper Moreland High
School

Ryli White – Allied Health/Upper Dublin High School

Sandy Kyaw – Networking and Cybersecurity/Upper
Moreland High School

Stone Deacon – Automotive Technology/Hatboro-Horsham
High School

Tobin Veitz – Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning/
Abington Senior High School

Alexa Gagnon – Design, Photography, and Illustration/
Abington Senior High School

Angelina Tang – Culinary Arts/Upper Dublin High School

Chaze Shakoor – Veterinary Science/Jenkintown High School

Darii Parkhmenko – Business and Technology
Professional/Jenkintown High School

Emma Fricker – Design, Photography, and Illustration/
Upper Dublin High School

Jeffrey Hean-Paul – Robotics and Automated Technology/
Abington Senior High School

Logan White – Exercise Science and Rehabilitation/
Springfield Township High School

Maxwell Rosado – Business and Technology Professional/
Cheltenham High School

Michael Lucas – Welding Technology/Hatboro-Horsham
High School

Michael Milewski – Exercise Science and Rehabilitation/
Cheltenham High School

Nicholas Choitz – Protective Services/Cheltenham High
School

Raeanna Figueroa – Allied Health/Abington Senior High
School

Matthew Lesniak – Welding Technology/Upper Dublin High
School

Christopher Pickens – Allied Health/Abington Senior High
School

Kelly Rigaut – Protective Services/Abington Senior High
School

Kayla Ervin – Business and Technology Professional/
Cheltenham High School

William Rivera – Robotics and Automated Technology/
Abington Senior High School

Anthony Ginaldi – Automotive Technology/Upper Dublin
High School

Jason Weaver – Automotive Technology/Abington Senior
High School

Ava Bartlett – Welding Technology/Jenkintown High
School

Molly Smith – Electrical Technology/Upper Dublin High
School



National Technical Honor Society

EASTERN proudly recognized ten exceptional students as the newest inductees into the newly formed National Technical Honor Society (NTHS), the premier honor society for Career and Technical Education (CTE), during a ceremony held on April 30, 2025.

These students earned their place in the society through demonstrated excellence in both academic performance and technical skill development within their CTE programs. Induction into NTHS requires meeting rigorous, chapter-specific criteria that reflect a commitment to leadership, service, and career readiness.

Since its founding in 1984, NTHS has recognized outstanding student achievement in CTE across high schools, career centers, community colleges, and universities nationwide. With more than 50,000 new members inducted annually, the organization is dedicated to celebrating student success and supporting a highly skilled workforce.

Congratulations to the 2025 inductees of the National Technical Honor Society at EASTERN!

Lizaveta Baidzimirava - Design, Photography, and Illustration - Hatboro-Horsham

Nia Bonaparte - Allied Health - Cheltenham

Fox Cavanaugh - Veterinary Science - Upper Dublin

Meghan Groman - Allied Health - Hatboro-Horsham

Izzy Hicks - Allied Health - Hatboro-Horsham

Chase Lambert - Culinary Arts - Abington

Jeslyn Oppong - Allied Health - Cheltenham

Sarah Rann - Robotics and Automated Technology - Cheltenham

David Rubin - Robotics and Automated Technology - Springfield Twp

Benjamin Zollers - Networking and Cybersecurity - Hatboro-Horsham

GOAL 2

Ensure that all incoming students can access their career and technical program of choice.



EASTERN's marketing efforts aimed to inform all 10th-grade students and their parents in participating schools about the available program offerings for their junior and senior years. We work closely with our participating districts to develop successful collaboration and partnership plans. Additionally, we ensure that our facilities and programs can adequately support the program offerings.

In 2024–2025, a new program, Construction Careers and Management, was approved for the Construction Career Cluster. During this time, EASTERN also approved and began renovation and expansion of the Culinary Arts program area.



Open House 2025

EASTERN's 2025 Open House was held on Sunday, March 2, 2025, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. At the Open House, parents and students learned how EASTERN students can earn college

credits while still in high school through dual enrollment and articulation agreements and enjoy learning in a hands-on setting. The Open House also offered an opportunity to hear from EASTERN instructors on the business environment that complements students' high school academics. Many special activities were scheduled in EASTERN's career programs. *Design by Isabell DeShields, DPI/ Springfield High School '25 graduate*

Tenth Grade Career Expo

Throughout November, December, January, and early February, an EASTERN presentation was made at all eight school districts to current 10th grade students and some 11th grade students. This presentation featured PowerPoint slides, video, and brief speeches delivered by current EASTERN students. A question-and-answer session was held at the end of each presentation.

At the end of each presentation, students interested in EASTERN were provided with a QR code to complete a brief online survey, indicating whether they would like to visit EASTERN.

EASTERN compiled a list of students interested in one or more specific courses. This list was provided to each participating school counselors point of contact. Interested students were invited and encouraged to participate in the December 12, 2024, or February 6, 2025, visits to EASTERN, as a follow-up to the Career Expo presented at the school. Students were able to view two to three programs for approximately 30 minutes each. We had 538 potential students participate during the 2024 – 2025 school year.

Elementary and Middle School Tours and Presentations

It is EASTERN's goal to educate all children on the career options available to them and the many benefits of learning a skilled trade. EASTERN held several virtual and in-person elementary/middle school career expo presentations to accommodate all districts. This included a two-minute, action-packed video as an introduction, a "live" Zoom with the Marketing and Recruitment Coordinator, current student presentations, and a Q&A with virtual attendees.

School participation schedule:

- In-person – Upper Moreland Middle School – 12/20/2024
- In-person – Keith Valley Middle School – 1/9/2025
- Virtual - Open to all schools – 1/10/25
- In-person – Jenkintown 7th Grade Advisory Class – 1/13/25
- Virtual – HH's Crooked Billet Elementary School – 1/24/25
- In-person – Upper Dublin's Sandy Run Middle School – 2/10/2

Facility Upgrades

Culinary Arts Renovation

In May 2025, EASTERN launched a full-scale renovation of the Culinary Arts program. This transformation features state-of-the-art equipment, modernized lighting, durable flooring, and a reimagined restaurant space. Extensive upgrades include new ranges, hoods, sinks, a water heater, and grease trap. The restaurant was refreshed for an improved learning and dining experience. These renovations increased the visibility of the program, and increased student capacity by 8 seats.

HVAC System Upgrade

As part of our campus modernization, Phase 4 enhanced energy efficiency and climate control by replacing eight aging air handlers and one Variable Air Volume (VAV) unit at the HVAC head end, ensuring reliability and comfort for students and staff.

Our facility received two new rooftop units – one servicing Culinary Arts, the other supporting Practical Nursing and Allied Health. To enhance air quality, seven exhaust fans and two reheat make-up air units were added. Electrical distribution panels serving the front half of the building were upgraded to support future growth.

Social Media

Facebook

To increase EASTERN's visibility and to aid in recruitment efforts, EASTERN joined the Facebook nation in the spring of 2010 and now has more than 3,000 followers. EASTERN's Facebook page features many student and alumni spotlights as well as news items regarding EASTERN and its programs. EASTERN's Facebook page is found at facebook.com/EasternCenter.

X

In February 2013, EASTERN established an X account (formerly Twitter). EASTERN can be found [@EasternCenter](https://twitter.com/EasternCenter). Information about student and alumni success stories, careers, job training, and school events, as well as outstanding students and alumni are posted weekly.

Instagram

In June 2013, EASTERN established an Instagram account. Following suit from our X account, EASTERN can be found [@EasternCenter](https://www.instagram.com/EasternCenter) on Instagram. This is an image-based social media tool that is currently popular with EASTERN's target student base.

EASTERN News

In October 2011, EASTERN introduced its electronic newsletter, EASTERN News. This monthly newsletter includes the EASTERN Student of the Month, alumni profiles, upcoming EASTERN events, dates to remember, and a fact about career and technical education. To subscribe to *EASTERN News*, please visit eastech.org and click on "Subscribe to the EASTERN News!" under News Releases.

Counselor Support Webpage

This webpage was launched in 2008 – 2009 to provide participating high school counselors with all the EASTERN marketing and informational items needed to assist them and their students, such as brochures, program information, and student performance data. The goal is to update this each time a brochure, marketing, or recruitment collateral is revised to provide the most up-to-date EASTERN data to participating school counselors. The Counselor Support webpage is found at eastech.org under "Counselors."

YouTube Gallery on EASTERN's Website

On EASTERN's YouTube channel, you will find all school recruitment and informational videos. Visit youtube.com/user/EasternCenter4Arts.



Alignment with Postsecondary Education

Alignment with Postsecondary Education

Half of EASTERN's programs offer dual credit opportunities with transcribed, transferable college credits through Montgomery County Community College and Pennsylvania College of Technology. In addition, students can earn advanced standing through EASTERN's statewide and local articulation agreements, which are detailed on our website:

www.eastech.org/parents-students/current-students.

Automotive Training Center

Automotive Technology and
Collision Repair Technology

Bucks County School of Beauty Culture, Inc.

Cosmetology

Central Penn College

Allied Health
Business and Technology
Professional
Networking and Cybersecurity
Protective Services

Commonwealth University of PA (Bloomsburg University, Lock Haven University, and Mansfield University)

Exercise Science and
Rehabilitation

Delaware Valley University

Protective Services
Veterinary Science

Harcum College

Veterinary Science

Kutztown University

Design, Photography, and
Illustration

Montgomery County Community College

Culinary Arts
Exercise Science and
Rehabilitation
Protective Services

Moravian University

Exercise Science and
Rehabilitation

Ohio Technical College

Automotive Technology
Collision Repair Technology
Welding Technology

Pennco Technical Institute

Electrical Technology
Heating, Ventilation, and Air
Conditioning

Pennsylvania College of Technology

Design, Photography, and
Illustration
Protective Services

Pennsylvania College of Art and Design

Design, Photography, and
Illustration
Exercise Science and
Rehabilitation

Penn State - Abington

Design, Photography, and
Illustration
Networking and Cybersecurity

Pittsburgh Technical College

Business and Technology
Professional
Culinary Arts
Design, Photography, and
Illustration
Electrical Technology
Networking and Cybersecurity
Heating, Ventilation, and Air
Conditioning
Protective Services
Robotics and Automated
Technology
Welding Technology

Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences

Veterinary Science

Universal Technical Institute

Automotive Technology
Collision Repair Technology
Welding Technology

University of Northwestern Ohio

Automotive Technology
Collision Repair Technology
Welding Technology

Walnut Hill College

Culinary Arts

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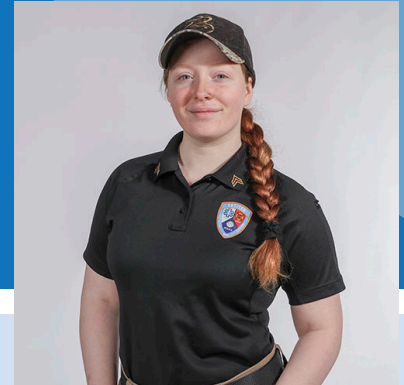
September 30th Enrollment

PROGRAM	22-23	23-24	24-25
Allied Health	42	29	36
Automotive Technology	41	46	46
Business and Technology Professional	22	31	38
Collision Repair Technology	35	40	40
Construction Technology	40	40	40
Cosmetology	60	62	73
Culinary Arts	64	63	61
Design, Photography & Illustration	35	44	43
Electrical Technology	42	41	44
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation	30	35	39
Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning	40	39	40
Networking and Cybersecurity	35	28	27
Protective Services	25	25	37
Robotics and Automated Technology	23	30	36
Veterinary Science	39	40	39
Welding Technology	40	40	41
TOTAL (CAREER AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS)	613	633	680

PARTICIPATING SCHOOL	22-23	23-24	24-25
Abington	131	157	180
Cheltenham	90	101	112
Hatboro/Horsham	94	98	104
Jenkintown	17	22	25
Lower Moreland	25	26	34
Springfield	70	62	59
Upper Dublin	57	56	64
Upper Moreland	117	105	102
Other	6	3	0
TOTAL	613	633	680

KENDRA HERN

SEPTEMBER
Student of the Month



2025 Graduate

EASTERN Program: Protective Services – Michael Raggi

Earned Educational Credentials: EASTERN Certificate, EMT Certification

School: Lower Moreland High School

School and Community Activities: At EASTERN, Kendra was an enthusiastic ambassador for her program, frequently volunteering at events to promote career and technical education. She spoke to tenth graders at Lower Moreland High School during EASTERN's Career Expo presentation and helped demonstrate program equipment during EASTERN's Open House. As a junior, her instructor selected her to attend the Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) Leadership Conference in the Poconos—an experience Kendra credits with helping her come out of her shell. That same year, she also competed locally in the SkillsUSA Action Skills competition, where she demonstrated her ability to quickly and correctly don her firefighter suit and apparatus.

Awards: Kendra completed the Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad EMT Course in October 2024.

Where are they now?

Kendra is serving our country as a U.S. Marine.

XAVIER WATSON-GREENE



2025 Graduate

EASTERN Program: Protective Services – Michael Raggi

Earned Educational Credentials:
EASTERN Certification, Fire Fighter 1

School: Abington Senior High School

School and Community Activities:
Xavier comes from a proud family of Philadelphia First Responders—his father, stepmother, uncle, and grandfather all serve in the field. Their example instilled in him a deep commitment to helping others from an early age. At just 14, Xavier joined the Roslyn Fire Company's Explorer Program, which introduces young people to the world of firefighting. He continued volunteering with the company and eventually became a full-fledged member. Shortly after joining the Protective Services program at EASTERN, Xavier's leadership potential stood out. His instructor, Mr. Michael Raggi, selected him to attend the Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) Leadership Conference in the Poconos. At EASTERN, Xavier served as a dedicated student ambassador—speaking at numerous recruitment events and lending a hand at nearly every school function.

Awards: At EASTERN's May 2024 Awards Night, Xavier was awarded the prestigious Director's Award, recognizing his immense potential for future leadership. Xavier was one of only five students who received this award, out of the 19 outstanding students interviewed.

Where are they now?

Xavier is working full-time as an apprentice for the Local Union 693 as a Sprinkler Fitter.

KEY INDICATORS OF STUDENT SUCCESS

Each year, EASTERN reviews data to continuously evaluate student performance against student success goals. This year, EASTERN partnered with the participating school districts to find ways to improve regular attendance. Below are EASTERN's Key Indicators of Student Success and the last three years of performance data.

Standards for Key Indicators for School Success (KISS)



Key Indicator	Goal	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Enrollment	80%	87%	82%	87%	92%
Attendance	94%	92%	93%	93%	93%
Regular Attendance	85%	74%	76%	79%	80%
EASTERN Retention	85%	75%	80%	68%	84%
Program Retention	*	0%	79%	67%	83%
Completion	73%	83%	90%	95%	94%
Placement [^]	84%	72%	78%	88%	89%
Placement Response %	*	0%	84%	95%	93%
NOCTI - Competent ⁺	91%	**	91%	92%	91%
NOCTI - Advanced	72%	**	53%	64%	64%
Industry Certificates	75%	95%	96%	100%	99%

[^] New calculation method based on respondents. 92.6% response rate for class of 2024.

GOAL 3

Ensure that all EASTERN students are positively placed after graduation as measured by graduate surveys administered in October after graduation.



This goal challenged EASTERN's staff to actively support students as they transition to the workforce, military, or postsecondary education. EASTERN ensures that students earn industry-recognized certifications, making them more employable and well-prepared for continued education. We also maintain strategic partnerships with industry organizations to keep our programs aligned with evolving labor market demands and technological advancements.

Key supports for this goal include inviting employers to interview students and share information about job opportunities, as well as hosting postsecondary representatives and program graduates to speak with current students. EASTERN remains committed to continuously enhancing our programs, reducing barriers to achievement, helping students reach their goals, and expanding pre-apprenticeship and dual credit opportunities. This year, our HVAC program became EASTERN's first registered pre-apprenticeship program through the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry—a major milestone in connecting students to career-launching pathways.

Certificates and Licensure

During the 2024 – 2025 school year, our students earned 987 industry-standard certificates, 857 of which are recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. 99.4 percent of graduating seniors left EASTERN with at least one certificate.

Licensure/Certifications Offered Per Program

Allied Health students had the opportunity to earn First Aid-CPR-AED through ESCI and the Direct Care Worker certification through Pennsylvania, which allows students to apply for jobs with home care agencies as Home Health assistants.

Automotive Technology students had the opportunity to complete online Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification, which is a certification process that assesses the knowledge and capabilities of automotive mechanics against a set of standards delineated by a panel of national experts.

Business and Technology Professional students had the opportunity to earn OSHA-General Industry certification. First-year students had the opportunity to earn Microsoft Office Specialist – Word, and second-year students had the opportunity to earn Microsoft Office Specialist – Excel.

Collision Repair Technology students had the opportunity to earn their Collision Repair certification through the 3M Collision Repair Academy, which consists of online courses based on real-world repair situations and how to produce consistent, high-quality results in the ever-changing collision repair industry. Students also worked on the online portion of the PPG Refinishing Online Learning Academy, Automotive Refinishing Certification. PPG is the industry's most comprehensive online training program for automotive and commercial refinishing systems and repair processes. They also completed the Safety and Pollution Prevention (S/P2) in Collision Repair and Refinishing.

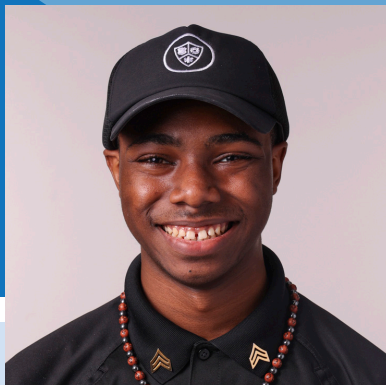
Construction Technology students had the opportunity to earn S/P2 certification, Ladder Safety, and OSHA-Construction.

Cosmetology seniors had the opportunity to earn the S/P2 certification in Cosmetology. Students attended the summer Cosmetology program to earn hours toward their required 1,250 hours of training needed for licensure.

Culinary Arts students had the opportunity to earn ServSafe Food Handlers certification, which is an entry-level food safety training and certificate program administered by the National Restaurant Association; ServSafe Manager certification, which is required in a food services supervisory role; and S/P2 – Culinary, which is an online certification that teaches safety, sanitation, and career readiness skills.

Design, Photography, and Illustration students had the opportunity to test for Adobe Certified Associate Certificates in Graphic Design using Adobe Illustrator, or Adobe Certified Associate-Print and Design Media Publication using Adobe InDesign.

NICHOLAS CHOITZ



2025 Graduate

EASTERN Program: Protective Services – Michael Raggi

Earned Educational Credentials:

EASTERN Certificate, Hazardous Materials Awareness, CPR, First Aid, AED, Active Shooter Awareness, ICS 100, 200, 700, 800 240, 241, Firefighter 1 Completer Certification through Bucks County Public Safety, and EMT completed through Second Alarmers.

School: Upper Moreland High School

School and Community Activities:

At EASTERN, Nicholas demonstrated strong leadership in the Protective Services program, where he was elected class Lieutenant. He also served as the PM President of EASTERN's student leadership organization, SkillsUSA. Outside of school, Nicholas enjoys giving back to the community by volunteering at places like a local soup kitchen. He also works as a Lead Counselor at Future Stars Day Camp, guiding campers ages 6–13 through a variety of classroom and outdoor activities.

Awards: As a junior in the Protective Services program, Nicholas received the Protective Services Achievement Award-Police and the Straight A Awards at EASTERN's Awards Night. As a senior, he received Distinguished Student in Protective Services, NOCTI Advanced Achievement in Protective Services, Straight A, the Walt Kenney Award, the Ron Eberz Memorial Award, and the Steve Plum, Jr., Memorial EMT Scholarship Awards.

Where are they now?

Nicholas now attends Arcadia University for Criminal Justice.



Licensure/Certifications Offered Per Program

Electrical Technology students had the opportunity to earn their Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10-hour safety certification, Safety and Pollution Prevention (S/P2) certification and participated in online ladder safety training.

Exercise Science and Rehabilitation students had the opportunity to earn OSHA Healthcare, CPR/ First Aid, AMCA Physical Therapy Aide, and the classroom preparation needed for ACSM Certified Personal Trainer (requires a high school diploma to sit for certification).

Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning students had the opportunity to earn their Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10-hour safety certification and S/P2 – Construction.

Networking and Cybersecurity students took the TestOut class for Windows Server Install and Storage, for which they received a certification at the end of the final semester. The certification exam measures an examinee's ability to perform real-world tasks using the Windows Server operating system. Students also earned OSHA-General Industry certification.

Protective Services students had the opportunity to earn certifications in National Incident Management (NIMS) or Incident Command, 100, 200, 700, and 800, First Aid, CPR, AED and Stop the Bleed, Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations. Seniors earned additional FEMA certificates for communication, exercise planning, and active shooter response. Students also have the opportunity to earn Emergency Medical Responder and work towards the Firefighter 1 Certification.

Robotics and Automated Technology students had the opportunity to attain OSHA-General Industry certification.

Veterinary Science students had the opportunity to earn the OSHA 10-hour training for healthcare.

Welding Technology students had the opportunity to earn the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10-hour safety certification, and the American Welding Society D.1.1. certification in Structural Steel.

Strategic Alliances

EASTERN's Strategic Alliances with local businesses and organizations influence our decisions and programs and offer students benefits not available internally at EASTERN. These agreements are made with a quality community or corporate partner and have a lasting and positive effect on a student's experience at EASTERN. It may also help a student gain professional certification and reinforce the student's career goals. Many of EASTERN's career and technical programs have benefited from Strategic Alliances. Current Strategic Alliances include:

AYES – Automotive Youth Educational Systems –

Nationally accepted program to transition youth into the automotive industry. Selected students benefit from a job shadowing program and paid internships for 10 weeks in the summer. AYES is endorsed by several automotive manufacturers.

ASE – Automotive Service Excellence – This Strategic Alliance is a validation that Automotive Technology and Collision Repair Technology meet rigorous industry standards. This nationally recognized program uses standards of excellence in many areas such as curriculum, instruction, facilities, organizational structure and equipment. EASTERN is certified by the National Institute for ASE in Automotive Technology and Collision Repair Technology. To achieve this coveted recognition, the school's automotive training programs underwent rigorous evaluation by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF). This year, a two-year certificate is available.

Christ's Home – Christ's Home Senior Services includes three different independent living options providing affordable retirement living opportunities. They also have Skilled Rehab & Nursing, Personal Care, Memory Care, and Wellness Services. This partnership began during the 2022 – 2023 school year to provide Allied Health students with job shadowing opportunities alongside the healthcare professionals on-site.

Inter-Industry Conference on Auto Collision Repair Modules (I-CAR) – I-CAR modules have been incorporated into the Collision Repair Technology program's curriculum. These 52 modules, which combine instructor-led training with state-of-the-art technology, are beneficial to students as they increase the use of realistic and hands-on exercises. These exercises allow students to work at their own pace and test their knowledge and skills learned in each module.

Cisco and Microsoft – Networking and Cybersecurity students benefit from the curriculum connection EASTERN has with Cisco and Microsoft.

ANGELINA TANG

DECEMBER
Student of the Month



2025 Graduate

EASTERN Program: Culinary Arts – Benjamin Vozzo, Instructor

Earned Educational Credentials: EASTERN Certificate, ServSafe Food Handler Certification

School: Upper Dublin High School

School and Community Activities: At EASTERN, Angelina was deeply involved in student leadership and activities. She played an active role in SkillsUSA and was elected School-Wide Secretary. She was also selected to represent the student voice on EASTERN's Executive Advisory Committee and the Partnership/Perception Committee. Angelina consistently volunteered to support the Culinary Arts instructors at various after-school events and recruitment activities, including the annual Joint Operating Committee Dinner, the Kiwanis Club of Old York Road Holiday Breakfast, the Career Expo, and the Open House. Outside of school, she worked as a Pastry Decorator at Bredenbeck's Bakery.

Awards: As a junior in the Culinary Arts program, Angelina received the Culinary Arts Alumni Tool of the Trade, Director's, and the Straight A Awards at EASTERN's Awards Night. Her senior year, she received the Culinary Arts Alumni Scholarship, the Educators' Association Award, and the Christopher Laroche Memorial Award.

Where are they now?

Angelina attends Johnson & Wales University, where she plans to specialize in Baking and Pastry Arts.



Expanded Learning Opportunities

An Expanded Learning Opportunity (ELO) is an instructional method that provides students with curricular experiences to supplement the daily curriculum. The instructional experience could be off-site or on EASTERN's campus. The purpose of ELOs is to assist students with skill development or knowledge acquisition, career verification, clinical experiences, or after-school or summer internships, transition to work, or postsecondary education.

Many ELOs were implemented this year, many of which are detailed below. The faculty submitted requests to the administration before each event.

Allied Health

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- Small groups of students visited Christ's Home in Warminster for weekly job shadowing.
- Four graduates returned to speak to the Allied Health AM and PM classes about the program, college, and SkillsUSA opportunities. Thank you to Allied Health graduates Zachary Samoy, Maymouna Ndoye, Dominic Mancino, and Mykaela Malatesta.
- Two graduates returned to speak about Dental and Public Health careers. Thank you to Morgan Robinson and Cailyn Burdell-Williams.
- Students attended the Anatomage Anatomy Tournament at Pennsylvania College of Technology.

Automotive Technology

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- Thompson Dealerships brought a car show to EASTERN and provided an informational session on careers.
- Mike D'Agnilli from Snap On Student Excellence program spoke to the students about the program.
- Students attended the Auto Dealers.

POSTSECONDARY

The following Admissions Representatives provided information on college program offerings at their schools:

- Lee Kope from the Automotive Training Center (ATC). A follow-up tour of ATC was conducted.
- Terry Moore from the University of Northwestern Ohio
- Miranda Carrasquillo from Universal Technical Institute
- Ron Parson from Lincoln Technical Institute
- Jeff Renwick from Ohio Technical College

Business and Technology Professional

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- Two students participated in an Eastern Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce networking event at TruMark Financial.
- Denise Romanelli from TruMark Financial provided an in-class financial reality fair for students.
- Dori Fleekop from Bites and Blends, a local Smoothie and Juice Bar, spoke to the class about entrepreneurship.
- Students attended the PA CareerLink Job Fair at the Philmont County Club.

POSTSECONDARY

- Students visited Montgomery County Community College for career verification and interpersonal skills.
- Tom Carney, Admissions Representative from Temple University's Fox School of Business, spoke to the class about their program offerings.

Collision Repair Technology

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- Thompson Dealerships brought a car show to EASTERN and provided an informational session on careers.
- Mike D'Agnilli from SnapOn Student Excellence program spoke to the students about the program.
- Matt Hatch from Colours, Inc. came in to speak to the students about internship opportunities

POSTSECONDARY

- Lee Kope from the Automotive Training Center spoke about their college program opportunities.

Construction Technology

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- Students attended the Ideas Lumber & Building Material Trade Show at the Valley Forge Casino Resort. Geppert Lumber sponsored this trip.
- Construction Technology graduate, Connor Fahey, spoke to the class about being a third-year apprentice in the Eastern Atlantic States Carpenters Union,
- Construction graduate, Elissa Johnson, presented apprenticeship opportunities at Klover Contracting.

Cosmetology

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- Representatives from the Hair Cattery provided Prom Hair Styling Demonstrations.
- Cosmetology graduate, Abby Bilotta, gave a presentation on her experiences at Tom Savini's Special Effects Makeup Program.
- Tony Buonopane and Ashley Barusky from Lavon Salon visited the program to talk about career opportunities.

Culinary Arts

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- Students toured Rydal Park Senior Living Facility and learned about their kitchen facilities.

POSTSECONDARY

The following Admissions Representatives provided information on college program offerings at their schools:

- Fallon Laforge from Johnson & Wales University
- Zachary Whalen from the Culinary Institute of America
- Jessie Dougherty from Walnut Hill College

Design, Photography, and Illustration

POSTSECONDARY

The following Admissions Representatives provided information on college program offerings at their schools:

- Osmyn Oree from Pennsylvania College of Art and Design
- Emily Dugan from Tyler School of Art and Architecture
- Anjali Karustis from Moore College of Art and Design
- Charmaine Garner from Full Sail University
- Jim Muller from Harcum College

Electrical Technology

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- Greg Weikel from Swartley Bros. Engineers, Inc. presented on careers within the company.
- Bill Tuturice from North Star Electrical presented on careers within the company.
- Students visited the IBEW Local 98 Training Center in Philadelphia.

Exercise Science and Rehabilitation

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- Students received a presentation from Matt Seabrook of Dresher Physical Therapy

POSTSECONDARY

- Students visited Montgomery County Community College to learn more about healthcare careers.
- Victoria Hurwitz, Director of the Physical Therapy Associate program at Pennsylvania College of Technology, presented the school's program options.

Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning

POSTSECONDARY

- Terry Moore from the University of Northwestern Ohio spoke to students about their college program offerings.

Networking and Cybersecurity

POSTSECONDARY

- The students visited Montgomery County Community College to learn more about their postsecondary opportunities.
- Josephine Heard from Penn State Abington spoke to the class about postsecondary opportunities.

Protective Services

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

The following individuals presented to the Protective Services classroom focusing on various aspects of the program:

- SSgt Aaren J. Preston from the U.S. Marine Corps
- SFC Antonio Lozada and SFC Steven Fornicola Jr. from the U.S. Army
- SSgt Lian Drake from the US Air Force and Space Force
- Officer Kaeli White from the Upper Moreland Police Department
- Officer Muhammed Ahmad from the Abington Police Department
- J. Benjamin Broscius, Wildland Firefighter
- John Reynolds from Second Alarmers
- Michelle Kline from Mission Kids Child Advocacy Center
- Andrew Swartz, Paramedic from the Community Ambulance Association of Ambler.
- Students attended EMS training at the Abington Township Training Grounds.
- Students visited District Court 38-1-04 in Abington, PA and met with Judge Kessler.

Robotics and Automated Technology

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- Students attended a presentation and tour at KMM Group LTD in Hatboro regarding career opportunities

POSTSECONDARY

- Terry Moore from the University of Northwestern Ohio spoke to students about their college program offerings

Veterinary Science

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- Students visited Fort Washington State Park to release fish.
- Students visited the Four Mills Nature Preserve at Wissahickon Trails Watershed in Ambler, PA
- Lois DiMarzio, a member of the Lower Bucks Dog Training Club, provided a lesson on Therapy Dogs to the AM and PM classes.
- Students visited Charles River Laboratory in Horsham.

POSTSECONDARY

- Students visited Delaware Valley University's small animal lab.
- Linward Robinson from Harcum College spoke about the college's options.

Welding Technology

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

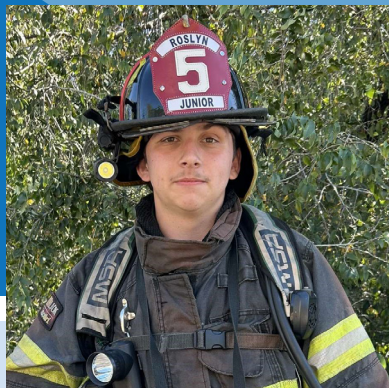
- Masea Paradis, a Welding Technology graduate who works for Rhoads Industries, presented opportunities within the company and discussed her career path.
- Matthew Donnelly, Welding Technology graduate, spoke to the classes about Sheet Metal Workers Local 19 and his work with City Sign.
- Nine students visited the Philadelphia Navy Yard, attended the MFG Competition and Career Fair.
- Richard Jones of the Environmental Tectonics Company spoke to the class about careers.
- Anthony Richardson from O'Donnell Metal Fabricators in Norristown spoke to the class about careers.
- Students visited the Ironworkers Local 401 Training Center.
- Students Visited the Local 420 Steamfitters Training Hall in Philadelphia.
- Paige Carbine from Soul Performance Products conducted a TIF Welding Skill Demo

POSTSECONDARY

- Miranda Carrasquilli, Admissions Representative from Universal Technical Institute, presented on the school's programs.

In addition to the above, there were many postsecondary, work-based, and military presentations open to all or multiple programs. This year, EASTERN's School to Career Coordinator, Hayley Granacher, held a Career Fair for Construction Technology, Electrical Technology, and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning programs with 12 companies.

Presentations open to all students included representatives from SEPTA, the U.S. Navy, the PA Army National Guard, the Aviation Institute of Maintenance, Pennco Tech, Delaware State University, and Pittsburgh Technical College. We value these partnerships and appreciate the opportunities they provide for our students.

KENNETH LAWYER

2025 Graduate

EASTERN Program: Protective Services – Michael Raggi

Earned Educational Credentials:

EASTERN Certificate, Incident Command System, National Incident Management System, Incident Safety, Active Shooter Training, CPR/AED, Stop the Bleed Training, First Aid, and Fire Fighter 1.

School: Abington Senior High School

School and Community Activities:

At EASTERN, Kenneth was recognized as a leader within his program and actively participated in a variety of school and after-school initiatives. He contributed to key events such as the Designer Bag Bingo fundraiser, Open House, and the Tenth Grade Career Expo, where he represented his program to prospective students at Abington Senior High School. He also volunteered at EASTERN's Craft Fair fundraiser.

Before attending EASTERN, Kenneth demonstrated a strong commitment to service and leadership as a Boy Scout and Eagle Scout. He also volunteered with the Roslyn Fire Company and was an active member of St. Luke's Faith in Action Youth Club.

Awards: Through the Boy Scouts, Kenneth was selected to participate in the St. George Trek, a challenging 90-mile hike in New Mexico, which he completed last summer. This honor is particularly significant as only two Boy Scouts in the Philadelphia region were selected. At EASTERN's May 2025 Awards Night, Kenneth received the Abington High School Alumni Association Award and the Protective Services Achievement Award – Fire.

Where are they now?

Kenneth now attends Bucks County Community College, where he studies Fire Science.

Employers Providing Internships

Thirty-one students from EASTERN programs took part in paid internships in 2024 – 2025. Through the internship, students are provided an opportunity to apply what they have learned from their EASTERN program and gain the skills needed to be successful in the workplace.

Paid Internships for the 2024-2025 school year included:

Automotive Technology

Faulkner Infinity of Willow Grove and
John Kennedy Ford of Jenkintown

Business and Technology Professional

Overclocked IT LLC and Earthborne

Collision Repair Technology

3D Bodyworks Inc and H & K Group, Inc.

Construction Technology

BKZ Contractors and Timberlane Inc.

Culinary Arts

Philadelphia Cricket Club and Seedling & Sage Catering

Electrical Technology

Kern Electric, Liberty Integrated Solutions and Blaetz Electric LLC

Exercise Science and Rehabilitation

Elkins Park Physical Therapy

Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

O'Donnell Metal Fabricators

Networking and Cybersecurity

Overclocked IT LLC and Willow Computer Services, Inc.

Robotics and Automated Technology

Climatic Testing Systems and Swartley Brothers Engineers, Inc.

Welding Technology

Collision Concepts

EASTERN's Summer Interns 2025

Six students were selected as interns for the Summer of 2025.



EASTERN's Summer Interns:

These students went through the application and interview process and were selected by their supervisors.

Technology Services Intern:

- Ethan Hromisin from Networking and Cybersecurity/Cheltenham School District

Facilities Interns:

- Lelia Johnson from Robotics/Cheltenham High School
- Molly Smith from Electrical/Upper Dublin High School
- Juliana Stigliano from Welding/Upper Moreland High School
- Anthony Negron from Electrical/Hatboro-Horsham High School
- Jack Bender from Electrical/Springfield Township High School

Our graduates have choices.

The majority continue their education, while others enter the workforce or military.

College that our 2024 – 2025 Graduates are Attending

Postsecondary List

Albright College
Alfred State College
Arcadia University
Automotive Training Center (ATC)
Brevard College
Bucks County School of Beauty Culture
Bucks County Community College
Chestnut Hill College
Cheyney University
City College Of New York
College Of Charleston
College Of Southern Maryland
Community College of Philadelphia
Culinary Institute of America
Delaware Valley University
DeSales University
Drexel University
Duquesne University
Earlham College
East Stroudsburg University
Empire Beauty School
Grove City College
Gwynedd Mercy University
Hampton University
Harrisburg University of Science and Technology
High Point University
Jacksonville University
James Madison University
Johnson And Wales University
Juniata College
Kutztown University
Lasalle University
Lincoln University
Manor College
Marywood University
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Messiah University
Michigan Technological University

Millersville University
Misericordia University
Montgomery County Community College
Moravian University
Morgan State University
Neumann University
Norfolk State University
Ohio Technical College
Penn State Abington
Pennsylvania College Of Technology
Purdue University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Saint Joseph's University
Savannah College Of Art & Design
Seton Hall University
Southern University
Susquehanna University
Temple University
Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology
The University of Maine
Thomas Jefferson University
Tuskegee University
Universal Technical Institute
University of Delaware
University Of Massachusetts
University Of Northwestern Ohio
University Of Pittsburgh
Ursinus College
Universal Technical Institute
Villanova University
Virginia Tech
Walnut Hill College
Washington State University
West Chester University
West Virginia University
Western New England University
Widener University
Wilkes University
Wilson College
York College Of Pennsylvania

Employers

3D Collision
Abington Township Department of Public Works
Acute Care Medical Transports
Aeropostale
Blue Industries
Cafe Carmela
Carr And Duff
Earthborne
Faulkner Infiniti
Fire Explorers
Gloria Dei Farms
H&K Group
Hair Cuttery
John Kennedy Ford Jenkintown
Jose Vargas
Kern Electric
Liberty Integrated Solutions
Local Union 692
Motors Up
Nissan
Osteria Saporino
R&M Construction
Scoogis Italian Kitchen and Bar
Second Alarmers
Seedling And Sage Catering
SEPTA
Steamfitters Local 420
Swartley Bros
Tinius Olsen
TNT Graphics Inc.
United States Army
US Army National Guard
USPS
Wissahickon Physical Therapy
York Road Vet

Military

Army
Navy
Air Force
Marines



SkillsUSA District Competition Gold Medalists

Eighty-four students from EASTERN showcased their talents in various skill areas and leadership events during the SkillsUSA District Competitions. The competitions were held on January 16, 2025, at Bucks Technical High School; January 22, 2025, at Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center; January 27, 2025, at North Montco Technical Career Center; and February 4–5, 2025, again at Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center.

Student Name	Program	Contest	School District
VIRGYMAR BASABE RUIZ	Allied Health	Career Pathways Showcase	Cheltenham
MAKENA FERISTIN	Allied Health	Health Sciences	Cheltenham
NICHOLAS SEITZ	Allied Health	Health Sciences	Hatboro-Horsham
MCKENZIE CROWLEY	Veterinary Science	Opening & Closing Ceremonies	Hatboro-Horsham
MAKAILA DUPREE	Business and Technology Professional	Opening & Closing Ceremonies	Cheltenham
KAYLA ERVIN	Business and Technology Professional	Opening & Closing Ceremonies	Cheltenham
ZOE JOHNSON	Business and Technology Professional	Opening & Closing Ceremonies	Cheltenham
MORGAN KELLY	Exercise Science and Rehabilitation	Opening & Closing Ceremonies	Cheltenham
CHRISTINE SINGLETON	Culinary Arts 1	Opening & Closing Ceremonies	Cheltenham
ABIGAIL KECK	Veterinary Science	Opening & Closing Ceremonies	Upper Dublin
MERCEDE WALSH	Design, Photography, and Illustration	Promotional Bulletin Board	Springfield
NAOMI LOSTON	Design, Photography, and Illustration	Promotional Bulletin Board	Upper Moreland
ALEX GAGNON	Design, Photography, and Illustration	Promotional Bulletin Board	Abington
LUCA SQUITIERI	Culinary Arts 2	Restaurant Service	Springfield
CRISTIANO DASILVA	Electrical Technology	Employment Application Process	Abington
LINDJARA NOEL	Allied Health	Health Occupational Knowledge Bowl	Upper Dublin
NIA BONAPARTE	Allied Health	Health Occupational Knowledge Bowl	Cheltenham
ELLA PINKOS	Allied Health	Health Occupational Knowledge Bowl	Upper Dublin
AMANDA WILLIAMS	Allied Health	Health Occupational Knowledge Bowl	Abington
CHRISTOPHER PICKENS	Allied Health	Medical Math	Abington
OLIVIA BRUNOZZI	Allied Health	Medical Terminology	Springfield
ISABELL DESHIELDS	Design, Photography, and Illustration	Pin Design	Springfield
GREYSON STEWART	Design, Photography, and Illustration	T-shirt Design	Abington
JACOB LAM	Networking and Cybersecurity	Internetworking	Cheltenham
ERIC MARTIN	Automotive Technology	Action Skills	Hatboro-Horsham
TOBIAS WENDELL	Design, Photography, and Illustration	CTE Demonstration	Cheltenham
PARIS WILLIAMS-RICKETTS	Veterinary Science	Customer Service	Cheltenham
ISABELLE HICKS	Allied Health	EMT	Hatboro-Horsham
MADISON SCHAIBLE	Allied Health	EMT	Abington
KARLEY BUNKIN	Culinary Arts 1	Job Skill Demo	Springfield
VICTORIA PRYBYSLAVSKYY	Networking and Cybersecurity	Quiz Bowl	Lower Moreland
WALKER PAX	Collision Repair Technology	Quiz Bowl	Abington
CHARLOTTE NASH	Veterinary Science	Quiz Bowl	Lower Moreland
ALEXANDER POINT DUJOUR	Culinary Arts 2	Quiz Bowl	Abington
DAVID FORREST	Automotive Technology	Quiz Bowl	Abington

SkillsUSA State Competition

Forty-two students from the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) in Willow Grove attended the SkillsUSA State Competition in Hershey, PA, from April 2 through April 4, 2025. Students from all over Pennsylvania took part in the competition. SkillsUSA is a national student leadership organization that encourages students to be productive individuals in our democratic society, work to their potential, become responsible, be proud of their accomplishments, and be supportive of their community. Medalists from EASTERN include:

GOLD MEDAL WINNER

CTE DEMONSTRATION – Tobias Wendell, EASTERN Design, Photography, and Illustration student, Tobias Wendell/Cheltenham High School

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

CHAPTER OF EXCELLENCE

Khafrany Anyika, EASTERN Welding Technology/Cheltenham High School; Angelina Tang, EASTERN Culinary Arts 2/Upper Dublin High School; Jeslyn Oppong, EASTERN Allied Health/Cheltenham High School

JOB SKILL DEMO– Karley Bunkin, EASTERN Culinary Arts 1/ Springfield High School/Cheltenham High School

INTERNETWORKING – Jacob Lam, EASTERN Networking and Cybersecurity/Jenkintown High School

T-SHIRT DESIGN – Greyson Stewart, EASTERN Design, Photography, and Illustration/Abington Senior High School

BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS

ACTION SKILLS – Eric Martin, EASTERN Automotive Technology/ Hatboro-Horsham High School

CAREER PATHWAYS SHOWCASE HEALTH SCIENCES

Virgymar Basabe Ruiz, EASTERN Allied Health/Cheltenham High School; Makena Feristin, EASTERN Allied Health/Cheltenham High School; Raeanna Figueroa, EASTERN Allied Health/Abington Senior High School

CHAPTER DISPLAY

Sophia Steinberg, EASTERN Business and Technology Professional/ Abington High School; Jake Salters, EASTERN Networking and Cybersecurity/Hatboro-Horsham High School; Ava Bartlett, EASTERN Welding Technology/Jenkintown High School.

EMT – Isabelle Hicks, EASTERN Allied Health/Hatboro-Horsham High School; Madison Schaible EASTERN, Allied Health/Abington High School

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS PORTFOLIO – Dahlia Madden, EASTERN Allied Health/Cheltenham High School

PROMOTIONAL BULLETIN BOARD – Naomi Loston, EASTERN Design, Photography, and Illustration/Upper Moreland High School; Alexa Gagnon, EASTERN Design, Photography, and Illustration/ Abington Senior High School; Mercedes Walsh, Design, Photography, and Illustration/Springfield Township High School

ANDREW RODRIGUEZ

FEBRUARY
Student of the Month



2025 Graduate

EASTERN Program: Culinary Arts – Benjamin Vozzo, Instructor

Earned Educational Credentials: EASTERN Certificate, ServSafe Certification

School: Hatboro-Horsham High School

School and Community Activities:

Andrew has been immersed in the restaurant industry from an early age, with his father owning Hatfield Pizzeria on Main Street in Hatfield, where the entire family plays a role in the business. He actively volunteers at various EASTERN events, including the Joint Operating Committee annual dinner, Open House, and Career Expo, where prospective 10th-grade students from multiple districts come to explore programs. He was a member of SkillsUSA and was a competitor in the “Front of the House” competition.

Awards: As a junior, he was honored with two awards at EASTERN’s May Awards Night: the Straight A Award and the Alumni Tool of the Trade Award. At EASTERN’s May 2025 Awards Night, he received the Hatboro Lions Club Award.

Where are they now?

Andrew is taking a gap year to work at his family business and save money to continue his education in the culinary field.

SKYLER CHILDS



2025 Graduate

EASTERN Program: Robotics and Automated Technology – Kyle Jacoby, Instructor

Earned Educational Credentials: EASTERN Certificate; OSHA certification, Universal Robotics Certification

School: Upper Moreland High School

School and Community Activities:

This year at EASTERN, Skyler was selected as one of three students nominated for the prestigious CTE Presidential Scholar Award. He is a member of EASTERN's National Technical Honor Society and serves as the Robotics and Automated Technology class representative for SkillsUSA. He was a student ambassador who represented his program at various recruitment events throughout his time at EASTERN. He served as the student representative on the Robotics and Automated Technology program's Occupational Advisory Committee, which provides input to the school on industry-relevant updates. At Upper Moreland High School, Skyler has participated in several musicals and is a member of the Drama Club and Rock-Climbing Club. He held a part-time job at Acme and volunteered regularly at the Glencairn Museum, where he assisted with various events.

Awards: As a junior, he received two awards at EASTERN's May Awards Night: the Straight A Award and the Demco Automation Innovation Award. As a senior, he received the EASTERN Foundation Award and the Straight A Award.

Where are they now?

Skyler now attends Pennsylvania College of Technology to continue his engineering education.



David and Deb Kelble, Award Sponsors for the David Kelbe Jr. Scholarship Award, with Sydney Polzin from Exercise Science and Rehabilitation.

local businesses for helping EASTERN honor its outstanding students.

Upper Moreland High School's Auditorium was filled with EASTERN student award recipients, friends, family, award presenters, and participating school administrators. Dr. Cathleen Plesnarski, EASTERN's Executive Director, kicked off the awards ceremony by welcoming all the families and supporters. She was followed by Mrs. Carolyn Riley, EASTERN Joint Operating Committee President. Mr. Joe Greb, EASTERN's Assistant Director, was the MC for the ceremony, and Mr. Gerry Rooney, EASTERN's Supervisor of Career and Technical Education, provided final remarks.

"Awards Night is a powerful celebration of the hard work, growth, and accomplishments of our students," said Dr. Cathleen Plesnarski. "It's a moment to recognize not only academic excellence but the determination and character our students have shown throughout the year as they prepare for bright futures in college, careers, and service."

Student awards are provided by the EASTERN Foundation, and supported by EASTERN staff, our business and industry partners, community organizations, alumni, families of alumni, and individual donors. The purpose of EASTERN's Foundation is to recognize EASTERN student achievement and success by assisting students as they transition to post-secondary education or directly into the workforce. Our business and industry partners inspired this effort and continue to support it extensively.

Matthew Brunner presents the Trevor Hirsch Memorial Award to Harper Williamson from Electrical Technology.



Student Recognition Awards Night 2025

On Wednesday, May 21, 2025, EASTERN held its annual Awards Night at Upper Moreland High School. This year, 224 students were recognized with \$64,000 awarded for academic and technical achievement. EASTERN is grateful to the EASTERN Foundation for its fundraising efforts and to all EASTERN staff, award sponsors, contributors, advisory committee members, and

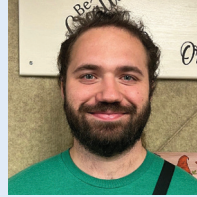
NEW EMPLOYEES/NEW POSITIONS

EASTERN welcomed new employees during the 2024 – 2025 school year. Each new employee was assigned a mentor and an induction team to ensure a smooth and effective transition. The induction team meets several times throughout the first year of service to reflect on job responsibilities, concerns and to clarify goals.



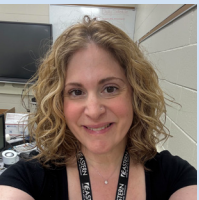
EILEEN COLLINS

Eileen Collins was appointed Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Director, effective June 3, 2024. Eileen previously served as Administrative Assistant to the Career and Technical Education Supervisor at EASTERN.



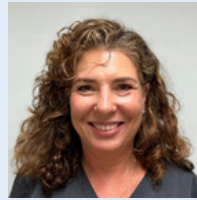
KYLE MAURER

Kyle Maurer was appointed Facilities Maintenance Technician, effective October 7, 2024. Kyle came to EASTERN from Rebling Plastics, where he served as a Shipping and Receiving Clerk.



MICHELE ZIMMERMAN

Michele Zimmerman was appointed Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager, effective July 1, 2024. Michele previously served as Part-time Administrative Assistant to the Main Office at EASTERN.



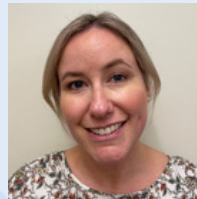
ANASTASIA PRZYBYLSKI

Anastasia Przybylski was appointed Half-Time Practical Nursing Instructor, effective November 11, 2024. Anastasia came to EASTERN from Bucks County, where she served as a Public Health Nurse. She also worked as an Adjunct Instructor in EASTERN's Practical Nursing program.



TAMIKA PEREZ

Tamika Perez was appointed Administrative Assistant to the Career and Technical Education Supervisor, effective July 8, 2024. Tamika came to EASTERN from Fishers of Knowledge where she served as District Manager.



JENNIFER RUBIN

Jennifer Rubin was appointed Student Success Counselor, effective December 11, 2024. Jennifer came to EASTERN from Upper Bucks County Technical School, where she served as a School Counselor.



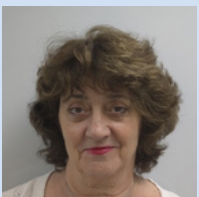
SHANNON ROWLEY-LAVELLE

Shannon Rowley-Lavelle was appointed Part-Time Administrative Assistant to the Main Office, effective September 16, 2024. Shannon came to EASTERN from Germantown Friends School, where she served as a Classroom Teacher.



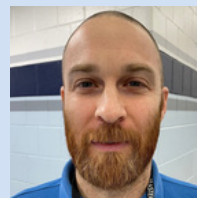
KRISTIN WALDNER

Kristin Waldner was appointed Administrative Assistant to the Practical Nursing Program Coordinator, effective January 13, 2025. Kristin came to EASTERN from Bryn Athyn College, where she served as Executive Assistant to the College President.



MICHELLE HAINES

Michelle Haines was appointed Instructor/Coordinator of Part-Time Practical Nursing Cohorts, effective October 1, 2024. Michelle came to EASTERN from Philadelphia Children's Crisis Center, where she served as a Registered Nurse/Supervisor/Surveyor.



MICHAEL TRAMONTINA

Michael Tramontina was appointed Construction Cluster Occupational Aide, effective February 18, 2025. Michael came to EASTERN from Marcolina Construction, where he served as a Carpenter.

GREYSON STEWART



2025 Graduate

EASTERN Program: Design, Photography, and Illustration – Nicole Abruzzi, Instructor

Earned Educational Credentials:

EASTERN Certificate; Adobe InDesign certifications.

School: Abington Senior High School

School and Community Activities:

As an active member of EASTERN's student leadership organization, SkillsUSA, he achieved first place in the District II Action Skills Competition in February 2024 and earned third place at the Pennsylvania State Competition in April 2024. For this competition, Greyson demonstrated the different shading techniques commonly used in illustration. In February 2025, Greyson once again received first place in the SkillsUSA District II Competition, but this time it was for T-Shirt Design. At Abington Senior High School, Greyson was an active member of the National Honor Society, the Boys Lacrosse Team, Friends Against Alcohol and Drugs (FAAD), and the Alternative Sports Club. Outside of school, he worked part-time at Be Well Bakery and Café in Huntingdon Valley, where he served as a server, food preparer, smoothie preparer, and kitchen assistant. He volunteered at Forgotten Cats in Willow Grove and is a Certified American Red Cross Lifeguard with CPR/AED certification.

Awards: At EASTERN's Awards Night in May 2024, Greyson was honored with the Outstanding Junior Year Sketchbook Award and the Straight A Award. As a senior, he received the Outstanding Senior Sketchbook Award.

Where are they now?

Greyson attends Susquehanna University, where he is pursuing a degree in graphic design and plays lacrosse.

Retirements

Congratulations and thank you to all of our 2024 - 2025 retirees.



FERNE ANDRE

Ferne Andre retired in September 2024 as Student Success Coordinator. Ferne held that position for fourteen years. She was a student advocate and supported the success of our students by giving them the tools they needed to succeed.



MARY MCDONNELL

Mary McDonnell retired in December 2024 as Administrative Assistant to the Practical Nursing Program Coordinator. Mary held several positions over her thirty-one-year tenure. She was well-respected among staff and admired for leadership, sincerity, sense of humor, integrity, and deep institutional knowledge.



GEORGE STAHL

George Stahl retired in June 2025 as Automotive Technology Instructor. George began his nineteen-year tenure as an Automotive Technology Aide and moved to the Automotive Technology Instructor position for the past ten years. George was well-respected among staff and his students and is admired for sincerity, sense of humor, and integrity.

Technology

EASTERN's Technology Plan reflects the needs of EASTERN to provide students and staff with current tools and technology to perform their responsibilities and effectively communicate with constituents and partners safely and securely.

EASTERN's mission is to be a leader in technology and, as such, review and update all technology throughout the school. Maintaining current technology, enhancing student learning opportunities, and providing information in a timely, user-friendly manner are EASTERN's commitments and priorities. Some of the ways EASTERN keeps technology available are through quality service agreements, the maintenance of a business continuation plan, technology skill inventories for all staff, and ongoing technology skill training for all employees.

EASTERN also focuses on the collection of information and use of that information in user-friendly ways in a data warehouse that captures, updates, and analyzes data on an ongoing basis.

Technology Report for 2024 - 2025

- Technology Services secured E-Rate funding & purchased new wireless access points for our entire school
- Technology Services purchased upgraded computers for staff members & several programs and is deploying them this summer
- Technology Services successfully piloted Windows 11 and then upgraded the entire building to Windows 11

Safety and Security Committee

The safety of our students, staff, and faculty is of the utmost importance at EASTERN. Our Career and Technical Education Supervisor, Gerry Rooney, and his committee organize safety drills, professional development, and initiatives to increase safety processes and procedures.

Drills

Fire and Emergency drills were conducted each month according to PA guidelines (September – June).

Professional Development and Safety Meetings

- Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) Blended Instructor Training for two Staff Members
- Montgomery County Safety & Security Meeting (Monthly)

Initiatives

- Safety Committee
- Reunification Committee
- Medical Emergency Response Team
- Provided one hour of in-person training on Emergency Training Drills (Act 55 Requirement)
- Provided two hours of online training on Social Emotional Learning (Act 55 Requirement)
- Participate in Monthly Radio checks with the Montgomery County Office of Public Safety
- Run, Hide, Fight Training for all Teachers, Aides, & Students
- Increased the number of Radios so that each staff member has one.
- Installed card readers in the programs (Construction Bay, COS2, CUL2)
- Updated School Map to include emergency equipment locations

Third Annual Designer Bag Bingo



Ava Bartlett from Welding Technology and Jenkintown High School, and Gretchen Lin from Welding Technology/Springfield Township High School display one of the designer bags and Happy Designer Bag Bingo participants!

The EASTERN Foundation partnered with SkillsUSA, EASTERN's Student Leadership Organization, to run a Designer Bag Bingo in October 2024. This event was organized and staffed by EASTERN faculty, staff, and Foundation Board members. The event raised \$7,605.97 to be split between student awards and funding SkillsUSA competitions and events.

NIA BONAPARTE

MAY
Student of the Month



2025 Graduate

EASTERN Program: Allied Health – Allison Latzo, Instructor

Earned Educational Credentials:

EASTERN Certificate, CPR, OSHA-10 certification.

School: Cheltenham High School

School and Community Activities:

At EASTERN, she was part of a four-person team that competed in the “Bone Voyage” Anatomage Tournament at the Pennsylvania College of Technology on March 6, 2025. Nia also competes in SkillsUSA, EASTERN's student leadership organization. Her team earned first place in the Health Knowledge Bowl at the District Competition in February, advancing to the State competition in April. Outside of school, Nia has been actively involved in running her family-operated nonprofit organization, Kingdom Keepers Outreach Ministry (KKOM). Founded in 2017, KKOM is dedicated to serving the Philadelphia community through acts of kindness and support for those in need. Twice a month, Nia, her parents, and a team of dedicated volunteers visit the Ben Franklin Parkway to distribute food and hygiene items to individuals facing hardship.

Awards: In April 2025, Nia was inducted into EASTERN's National Technical Honor Society in recognition of her achievements. At EASTERN's Award Night in May 2025, Nia received the EASTERN Foundation Award and the Straight A Award.

Where are they now?

Nia is currently studying Neuroscience at the University of Pittsburgh.

PAUL BILOTTA

2025 Graduate

EASTERN Program: Automotive Technology – George Stahl, Instructor

Earned Educational Credentials:

EASTERN Certificate, multiple S/P2 (Safety and Pollution Prevention) certifications, which focus on workplace safety and environmental responsibility, as well as the Valvoline Motor Oil 101 certification.

School: Upper Moreland High School

School and Community Activities:

At EASTERN, he serves as a student ambassador for the Automotive Technology program, speaking at recruitment events and fundraisers to promote the school. At Upper Moreland High School, Paul was a member of the lacrosse team. Outside of school, Paul works as a Detailer at Thompson Lexus in Willow Grove, where he cleans and details vehicles to ensure showroom readiness and assists with valet operations as needed. Before this role, he worked at Jacksonville Auto in Hatboro, performing routine maintenance tasks, setting car lifts, driving vehicles, and supporting the team with troubleshooting issues. He works for a nonprofit organization founded by his sister, The Chris Santhemum Project, created in memory of their Aunt Sandy, who passed away from leukemia, and their cousin Christian, who died by suicide, both in 2017.

Awards: At EASTERN's May 2025 Awards Night, Paul received the Attendance Award, the Colony Club of Ambler Scholarship, the Straight A Award, and the Willow Grove Rotary Scholarship (Service Above Self).

Where are they now?

Paul attends Pennsylvania College of Technology for Heavy Equipment and Power Generation.

EASTERN Foundation

The mission of EASTERN's Foundation, created in 2005, is to raise money for student scholarships and awards. Funds are raised yearly by staff contributions, business partners, meal fundraisers held at local restaurants, events such as our annual chicken dinner and designer bag bingo, and community mailings.

The Foundation supports one award given to Adult Practical Nursing graduates. The award is the Emily Pepper Award. Emily Pepper was the first Practical Nursing Supervisor at EASTERN. The Emily Pepper Award recipients in 2024 – 2025 were:

- Class 163 – Claudia Thompson
- Class 160 – Beisy Rivera
- Class 165 – Tyshira El
- Class 162 – Everline Ombui and Francise Salomon Noel

The Foundation recognized four outstanding secondary students with the EASTERN Foundation Award: Jeslyn Oppong – Allied Health; Eric Martin – Automotive Technology; Skyler Childs – Robotics and Automated Technology, and Nia Bonaparte – Allied Health.

Thirteen students were recognized with the Foundation Award for High Student Achievement: Jeslyn Oppong – Allied Health, Jeremy Stellwagon – Automotive Technology, Samuel Roccograndi – Business and Technology Professional, Eoin Anto – Construction Technology, Baylee Benoff – Cosmetology, Lisa Truong – Culinary Arts, Addison Hornby – Design, Photography, and Illustration, Julia Wysocki, Design, Photography, and Illustration, Thomas Costello, Jr. – Electrical Technology, Caitlin Beveridge, Exercise Science and Rehabilitation, Jacob Lam – Networking and Cybersecurity, Rowan Hyatt-Long – Robotics and Automated Technology, Amaris Marrero – Veterinary Science. Also recognized at the Awards Night were 124 students who received the Straight A Award for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

Foundation Board Members and Officers

Marie Hartlein – Montgomery County Community College, *Foundation President*

Dr. Stephen Seu – Retired EASTERN Administrator/Educator, *Foundation Vice President*

Christopher McDermott – Vice President, Meridian Bank, *Foundation Treasurer*

Christina Gallagher-Wisler Pearlstine, LLP

Gary Felmey – EASTERN's Electrical Technology Instructor

Linda Heiberger – Retired EASTERN Organizational Advancement Director

Susan Hoffman – Former Chairperson of EASTERN's Executive Advisory Committee

Scott Horan – EASTERN Welding Technology Graduate

Carolyn Riley – President, EASTERN's Joint Operating Committee

Dr. Jeffrey Fecher – Superintendent, Abington School District

Dr. Cathleen Plesnarski – Executive Director, EASTERN

Amy Shields – Marketing and Recruitment Coordinator, EASTERN

Megan Dutch, EASTERN Parent

Pete Herczeg – EASTERN Parent

LouCrecie Gallagher – Former JOC member/EASTERN Parent

Adult and Continuing Education

Continuing Education

Our adult training courses include apprenticeship, certification, and online classes as well as customized contracted programs for businesses. This segment of EASTERN's offerings is managed by Leon Thurlow, Continuing Education Coordinator.

Classes were offered in the fall and spring to over 70 adult students. Courses included Electrical Apprenticeship and our online courses. Our Continuing Education Department had a partnership with Ed2Go (Education to Go) which made available over 1,000 online technical and enrichment classes. A few of the numerous online class options include Media Certification, Healthcare and Medical, Technology, Design, Paralegal Training, and a wide variety of personal enrichment classes..

Apprenticeship

For more than 50 years, EASTERN has partnered with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, to offer Electrical Apprenticeship classes. Each apprentice combines on-the-job skill training under a certified journeyman at a company approved by the U.S. Department of Labor with four years of related theory work at EASTERN. Apprentices must complete 144 hours of technical instruction at EASTERN each year, along with a total of 8,000 hours of on-the-job training over the four years. This year 61 electrical apprentices from approximately 12 – 15 employers in Bucks, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties were enrolled. In the Spring of 2025, 8 Electrical Apprentices completed their four-year training program.

Practical Nursing (PN)

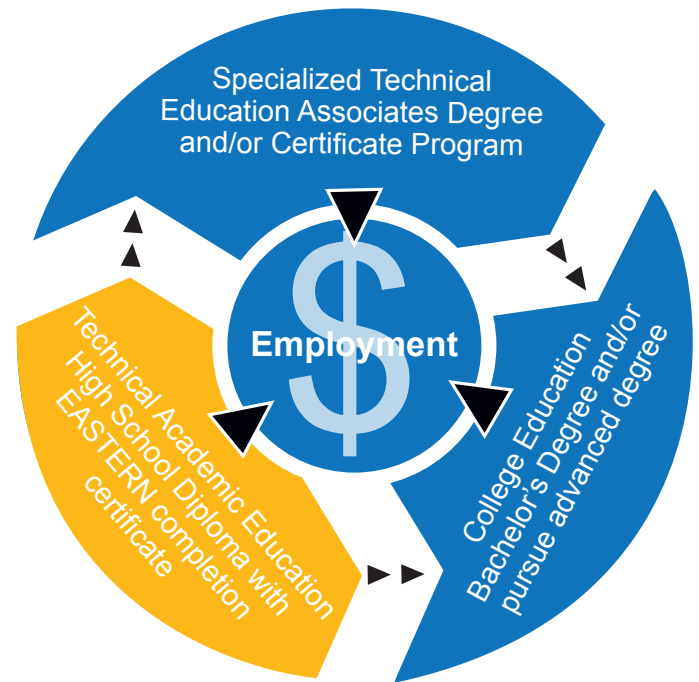
The Practical Nursing program is an excellent opportunity for beginning a nursing career right out of high school, for someone just entering the workforce after taking some time off or as a career change for those who have already been working in another field. A career in nursing provides both men and women with a career that is flexible as well as personally and financially rewarding.

Practical Nursing has two full-time classes and four part-time classes. During the 2024-2025 school year two full-time classes and two part-time classes graduated, totaling 78 graduates.

This program is a great stepping stone for further nursing education. EASTERN's Practical Nursing program provides graduates with an opportunity to advance place in foundational coursework in professional nursing programs.

Classes are held at EASTERN. Clinical sites include Abington Jefferson Health and various long-term and community care facilities.

Career Pathway



First Step Begin at EASTERN then choose to join the workforce or continue to specialized technical education.

Future Options Continue your education at a specialized technical school or pursue an advanced degree. At each stage you can join the workforce.

Each EASTERN program has a detailed Career Pathway chart on our website - eastech.org.

Potential PN students complete a computer-based test using the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). It is offered several times a month virtually through EASTERN using Proctorio software. In 2024-2025 the test was administered to 348 prospective program candidates and 105 new students were accepted into the program

GOVERNANCE

Joint Operating Committee

EASTERN's Joint Operating Committee members are elected by the nine participating school districts in Eastern Montgomery County. They set the school's policies and govern the school at meetings held on the second Wednesday of the month. The following members were elected to serve:



Carolyn Riley
Jenkintown
President



Charles Burdell-Williams
Cheltenham
Vice President



Dr. Jeffrey Fecher
Superintendent of
Record, Abington



Kenneth Roos, Esq.
Solicitor



Elizabeth Eisenhart
Abington



Tara Conner-Hallston
Hatboro-Horsham



Dr. James Lee
Lower Moreland



Ilene Bell
Springfield

Administrative Advisory Committee

Superintendents from the participating school districts comprise this committee. They meet monthly to coordinate EASTERN's programs and services with their school districts.

Dr. Jeffrey Fecher	Abington
Dr. Brian Scriven	Cheltenham
Dr. Scott Eveslage	Hatboro-Horsham
Dr. Jill Takacs	Jenkintown
Dr. Dennis Best	Lower Moreland
Dr. Maryjo Yannacone	Springfield
Dr. Laurie Smith	Upper Dublin
Dr. Susan Elliott	Upper Moreland



Jennifer Iannitti
Upper Dublin



LouCrecie Garlanger
Upper Moreland

Not pictured:
Edmund Rhodes
Bryn Athyn

Executive Advisory Committee

Representatives of business, industry, education, and government comprise the EAC. They advise the Joint Operating Committee on the educational needs of our current and future workforce and coordinate the activities of EASTERN's OACs. Three subcommittees include Membership, Program Planning and Review, and Partnership/Perception.

Cathleen Plesnarski
EASTERN - School Administration, Representative

Joe Greb
EASTERN - School Administration, Representative

Gary Bissig
LABRepCo, LLC, Manufacturing/Engineering

Jamie Bretz
Montgomery County Community College,
Education

Charles Burdell-Williams
Joint Operating Committee, Representative

Jennifer Butler
MontcoWork, Workforce Development

Joseph Daino Jr.
Chartwells (Retired), Hospitality

John DiBenedetto
John J Benedetto Assoc, Inc., Construction

Byron Goldstein
Abington School District (Retired), Marketing

Susan Hoffman
Consultant (Retired), Technology

Denise Lavery Frasca
Temple University Hospital (Retired), Health Care

Daniel Kaye
Rydal Park, Community Engagement

Linda Millevoi
Abington Jefferson Health, Communications

Angelina Tang
EASTERN Student, Representative

Occupational Advisory Committees 2024-2025

Allied Health

Merryl Fulmer	Radiology – Diagnostic Imaging Specialists
Marilyn Harris	Community Health Education – Volunteer
Merryl Fulmer	Radiology Diagnostic Imaging Specialists
Alice Houriet	Practical Nursing Program – EASTERN (Retired)
Pam Roberts	Post-Secondary Education – MCCC
Trinity Simpson	Nursing Student – Gwynedd Mercy University
Caree Updyke	Hospital – Main Line Health
Windy Viernes	Clinical Coordinator – EASTERN
Isabelle Hicks	Student Representative

Automotive Technology

Christopher Bors	General Manager Faulkner Nissan Jenkintown
Matthew S. Conard	Auto Technician Dealership Conicelli Honda
Robert DePue	Lead Service Technician – Bryner Chevrolet
Bob Kemler	Technician – Bryner Chevrolet
Ryan Kinkade	Service Director – Mercedes Benz of Fort Washington
Lee Kope	Assistant Director of Admissions – Automotive Training Center
Cody Krol	Heavy Equipment Tech – Earthborne Trucks and Equipment
Elizabeth Maiter	Supplier – CP Fletcher Motors, Inc
William Morales	Automotive Technician – Mercedes Benz of Fort Washington
Victoria Penecale	Finishing/Production Department – Brands Imaging
Giuseppe Pugliese	Former Student Representative – J.L. Freed
Don Schnell	Independent Auto Repair – Verizon Enterprise Solutions
Joseph Thompson	Student Representative

Occupational Advisory Committees 2024-2025

Business and Technology Professional

Marketa Crane	Human Resources Coordinator – Eastern Center for Arts and Technology
Cynthia Giannini	Legal Office Manager – Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Rebecca Gushue	Regional HRM – Geodis Freight Forwarding
Elizabeth Lipp	Project Manager – General Machine Products
Sophia Steinberg	Student Representative

Collision Repair Technology

Victor Baptista	Director of Collision – Team Toyota Collision Center
Sarah Brett	Restoration Shop/Collision Center – Brett Collision Service- O'Neil Collision Center
Kody Levine	Auto Technician – JD's Auto Restoration Center
Robert Malatesta	Painter – Whitmarsh Collision
Robert Mallon	Supplier – Colours Inc. Auto Paints
Jessica McCauley	Painter – Bucks County Collision
Jonathan Mehrman	Former Student Representative – Wheels and Waves Upholstery
Derek Paterson	Insurance Appraiser – State Farm Insurance Co.
Ken Piccari	Insurance Appraiser – National Appraisal Service
Michael Pierson	Independent Shop – Quality Auto Body
William Zacny	Insurance Appraiser – State Farm Insurance Co. (Retired)
Gordon Lane	Student Representative

Construction Tehnology

Tim Bade	Finish Carpenter – Bades Building and Construction
Perry Dovberg	Specialty Contractor – PMD Construction LLC
Paul Geppert	Building Materials – William A. Geppert Inc.
Joseph Jacquelin	Finish Carpenter – Jacquelin Construction
Fred Poffarl	General Contractor Residential – FH Poffarl Building Construction
Mike Thornton	Renovations & Remodeling – Thornton's Carpentry Service
Andrew Plum	Student Representative

Cosmetology

Leah Davis	Salon Manager – Leah's Beauty Salon
Jessica Derricks	Former Student Representative – Taire Hair Salon, Inc.
Desiree Hawthorne	Chain Salon – Hair Cuttery
Sandy Hummel	Private Salon Owner – Manely For You Beauty Salon
Brett Sauder	Owner/Hair Stylist – Taire Hair Salon Inc.
Kysa Woods	Private Salon Owner – Lux Lab Philly/Keith Media Agency
Bianca Berardi	Student Representative

Culinary Arts

Tim Barth	Executive Chef – Wegmans Food Market
Irvin R. Boyd	Baking and Pastry – Bredenbeck's Bakery
Christopher Ferrigno	Assistant Director of Dining/Senior Living – Paul's Run Retirement Community
Joseph Jacques	Baking and Pastry – Hospitality Institute of MCCC
David Lademann	Catering – St. Joseph Manor Senior Living, Holy Redeemer
Jon Waxman	Owner – Lee's Hoagie House
Angelina Tang	Student Representative

Design, Photography, and Illustration

Beth Brodovsky	Graphic Design – Iris Creative Group
Carmina Cianciulli	Post-Secondary Rep Tyler School of Art
Katrina Clowers Taylor	Former Student Rep – Dirty Laundry
Caitlyn Flatery	Supervisor, Arts Administration – Delaware County Community College
John Moore	Designer/Animated Design JohnMooreDesign
Macy Zhelyazkova	Commercial Illustration – Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia
Lexie Kust	Student Representative
Julia Wysocki	Student Representative

Electrical Technology

Phil Candando	Electrical Contractor Owner – Phils Electric LLC.
Bill Dayton	Facilities Supervisor – Sesame Place
Joe Farrington	Electrical Contractor #2 - J.F. Electric, Inc.
Fred Fox	Facilities Manager – Eastern
Kenneth Lynch	Municipality Technician – Abington Township
Francis McDade	Business Representative – IBEW LU 98
Jeff Orkin	Electrical Contractor #1 – Orkin Electric Systems
Ed Paugh	Electrical Inspector – Middle Department Inspection Agency
William Pfeiffer	Electrical Contractor #3 – Qualus Power Services
Bill Tuturice	President/CEO – Northstar Electrical Services, Inc.
Christiano Dasilva	Student Representative

Exercise Science and Rehabilitation

Andrew Broske	Athletic Trainer – Upper Moreland High School
Sean Castineira	Athletic Trainer – Middle Bucks Institute of Technology
Anna Consorte	Certified Athletic Trainer – Downingtown East High School
Kelley Frank	Senior Physical Therapist – Excel Physical Therapy
Anne Livezey	Professor of Exercise Science and Wellness – MCCC
Daniel Rosney	Assistant Professor – Temple University
Matt Seabrook	Director – Strive Physical Therapy
Shyanne Davis-Scott	Student Representative

Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

Nicholas F. Ciasullo III	Plumbing & Heating Wholesaler – Ferguson Supply
Kate Duffey	Manager – D.E. Duffey & Sons
Kate Duffey	HVAC Manager – D.E. Duffey & Sons
Mark Goodman	Plumbing & Heating Wholesaler – Ferguson Supply
Joe Mooney	Residential and A/C Contractor – J.A. Smith
Harry Squares	Commercial Heating and A/C Contractor – S&H Heating and Air Conditioning
Nelson Vegas	Heating and A/C Contractor – Vegas HVAC
Nicholas Keller	Student Representative

Networking and Cybersecurity

Robert Dyke	Software Development – Willow Computer Services, Inc.
Lou Geld	Network Administrator – EASTERN
Cliff Hamilton	Director of Operations – Cozen O'Connor
Marie Hartlein	Post-Secondary Education – MCCC
Michael Landi	PC Hardware/Software Support – Temple University
Bill Rosenbaum	Director of IT Security – MCCC
Paul Smith	Network Security – CSL Behring/ Temple University
Jake Salters	Student Representative

Occupational Advisory Committees 2024-2025

Protective Services

Kate Baldwin	Emergency Communications Supervisor – Montgomery County Dept. of Public Safety
Kenneth Davidson	Operations and Administration – Second Alarmers Rescue Squad
Earl Freese III	Public Safety Training Bucks County Community College
John Fugelo	Fire Department Captain – Upper Moreland Township
Matthew Kolar	Patrol Sergeant – Lower Moreland Township Police Dept.
Michael Moore	Sergeant/K9 Handler – Cheltenham Township Police Dept
Lorraine Praeger	Firefighter – Roslyn Fire Company
Kelli Scarlett	Fire Marshal – West Conshohocken Fire
Rich Worthington	Training Coordinator/Deputy Emergency Manager – Lower Moreland Police Department
Edward Wurster	Faculty Member/Instructor – Bucks County Community College
Nick Choitz	Student Representative

Robotics and Automated Technology

Rick Bailey	Chief Technical Officer – Axiom Towers
Jamie Bretz	Dean of STEM – Montgomery Co. Community College
Bob Bristow	Product Manager – Honeywell (Retired)
Tony Cates	HR Director – SPS Technologies
Neil Goldberg	Engineer – USDA (Retired)
Rebecca Gushue	Regional HRM – Geodis Freight Forwarding
Ryan Korutz	PLC Maintenance Technician – Dairy Farmers of America
Stephen Maund	Owner and CEO – Demco Automation
Xiao M Song	Education – Widener University
Michael Spitznagel	Maintenance Manager – Align Precision
Skyler Childs	Student Representative
Rowan Hyatt-Long	Student Representative
Jeffrey Jean-Paul	Student Representative

Veterinary Science

Aime Berman	Medical Director – Dutton Road Veterinary Clinic
Amy Garges	Animal Science – Penn State
Melissa Goldberg	Veterinarian – Heart and Paw Veterinary Hospital
Rebecca Hughes	Animal Science – Delaware Valley University
Linward Robinson	Education – Harcum College
Leilani Santiago	Student Representative

Welding Technology

Ricky Collins	Welding Instructor – SEPTA
Matthew Donnelly	Welder – City Sign
Neil Goldberg	Welding Engineer – USDA
James Haimovitz	Instructor – Middle Bucks Institute of Technology
Jason Hammer	Project Manager – Rhoads Industries
Sam Hirlehey	Consultant – Scully Welding Supply Corp.
Scott Horan	Welder/Welding Robot Technician – Rhoads Industries
Zak Jagger	Welder/Fabricator – Revtur Welding Co.
Paul Lowry	Contractor – Revtur Welding Co.
Masea Paradis	Welder – Rhoads Industries
Samuel Paulik	Apprentice Fab. Welder – Albert C. Phy and Sons
Ray Saccarelli	Welding Engineer – NAWC
Jason Tucker	Journeyman – Derbyshire Machine and Tool Co.
Ava Bartlett	Student Representative

Finance

An important part of the management services of EASTERN is the development of the annual budget. The 2024-2025 budget of \$12,119,774 provides for the Secondary, Continuing Education and Practical Nursing programs. EASTERN's secondary budget provides for the current 16 secondary career and technical programs with selected programs having dual enrollment partnerships at Montgomery County Community College.

The Articles of Jointure mandates that increases in the annual budget of the school shall not exceed in percentage the aggregate increase in operating budgets of all the participating districts for the previous school year (budget cap), except in the event of identifiable new programs or other extraordinary expenses. EASTERN also monitors the Act 1 index, which is published annually and if exceeded, requires school districts to place their budgets on public referendum. The operating budgets for our nine (9) participating districts had an average increase of 4.57% which represents our budget cap and the Act 1 index was at 5.3%.

In consideration of the two major budget controls, the secondary operating budget was approved with an increase of 4.0% from the prior school year. EASTERN also began assessing districts to support the ten-year, pay-as-you-go Capital Plan to update our facilities. As agreed to, in principle, by the Joint Operating Committee, funding for the 2024-2025 school year would be \$1,025,000 and, in accordance with the Articles of Jointure, this type of assessment is to be allocated according to the relative market values of each of the participating districts, as determined by the published "STEB" values.

Postsecondary programs at EASTERN are managed under Board Policy G102, which specifies that it "shall contain sources of revenue other than the participating school districts to support their programs and services." These programs, which include Continuing Education through adult/evening programming and our Practical Nursing program, are completely supported by student tuition, employer contracts and state subsidy.

The Continuing Education Department offers adult education programs to meet the training needs of business, industry, and the public. Due to the pandemic, program offerings were limited to those that could be offered online like Electrical Apprenticeship classes, Occupational Safety and Hazards Association training and other online courses. Since the program is self-funded, meaning the costs to run the programs are covered by tuition and state subsidies, the propped budget is based on historical activities, but is monitored to ensure expenses do not exceed revenues.

EASTERN's Practical Nursing Program prepares adults in our community to become licensed practical nurses. Although the Joint Operating Committee provides the governance structure, approves the tuition rates and salaries and benefits paid to the faculty of these program, it is the responsibility of the Practical Nursing administration to ensure that each program within the postsecondary budget is appropriately supported by an external revenue source. The Practical Nursing budget is funded through student tuition, state subsidies and grants.

The following tables represent unaudited numbers for the school year ended June 30, 2025.

Secondary Programs (unaudited)			
Revenues & Other Financing Sources	Final Budget	Unaudited Actual	Variance
Local Sources:			
Member Districts	7,744,769	7,744,769	-
Other	207,500	273,301	65,801
State Sources	1,608,148	1,886,880	278,732
Federal Sources	350,000	394,872	44,872
Other Financing Sources	-	8,127	8,127
Fund Balance Assigned	189,787	-	-
Total Revenues	10,100,204	10,307,948	397,531
Expenditures			
Special Education Programs	555,539	500,006	55,533
Vocational Education	4,718,931	4,434,541	284,390
Other Instructional Programs - Summer School	24,265	24,710	(445)
Support Services - Students	737,364	692,051	45,313
Support Services - Instructional Staff	93,571	54,521	39,050
Support Services - Administration	1,220,077	1,205,197	14,880
Support Services - Pupil Health	97,199	101,467	(4,268)
Support Services - Business	640,493	554,252	86,241
Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	1,102,054	1,064,763	37,291
Support Services - Central Services	849,875	859,694	(9,819)
Operation of Non-instructional Services	33,336	51,655	(18,319)
Facilities/Acquisition/Construction & Improvement Services	15,000	10,175	4,825
Other Expenditures Financing Uses	12,500	297,000	(284,500)
Total Expenditures	10,100,204	9,850,032	250,172
Net change Fund Balance		457,915	
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		3,055,162	
Fund Balance, End of Year		3,513,077	

Continuing Education (unaudited)			
Revenues & Other Financing Sources	Final Budget	Unaudited Actual	Variance
Local Sources	128,522	102,088	(26,434)
State Sources	14,991	12,054	(2,937)
Total Revenues	143,513	114,142	(29,371)
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Adult Education Programs	63,895	56,172	7,723
Support Services - Instructional Staff	-	-	-
Support Services - Administration	79,618	52,361	27,257
Other Expenditures and Financing Uses	-	30,122	
Total Expenditures	143,513	138,655	34,980
Net Changes Fund Balance		(24,512)	
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		96,169	
Fund Balance, End of Year		71,657	

Practical Nursing (unaudited)			
Revenues and Other Financing Sources	Final Budget	Unaudited Actual	Variance
Local Sources	374,504	(45,279)	(419,783)
State Sources	366,493	403,764	37,271
Federal Sources	1,135,060	1,409,146	274,086
Total Revenues	1,876,057	1,767,631	(108,426)
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses			
Health Occupations Education	1,204,383	1,260,041	(55,658)
Support Services - Instructional Staff	136	694	(558)
Support Services - Administration	498,314	428,107	70,207
Support Services - Business	53,281	55,743	(2,462)
Operation and Maintenance of Building Services	48,618	45,055	3,563
Support Services - Central Services	71,325	121,471	(50,146)
Architecture and Engineering Services	-	8,832	(8,832)
Other Expenditures and Financing Uses	-	150,180	(150,180)
Total Expenditures	1,876,057	2,070,123	(194,066)
Net Changes Fund Balance		(302,492)	
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year		1,730,636	
Fund Balance, End of Year		1,428,144	

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