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Awards Night May 19, 2027 Upper Moreland HS

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A report from the June 2026 meeting of EASTERN's Joint Operating Committee (JOC). EASTERN is a part of the school districts of Abington, Bryn Athyn, Cheltenham, Hatboro-Horsham, Jenkintown, Lower Moreland, Springfield, Upper Dublin, and Upper Moreland.

June Student of the Month



Dominic Hernandez, a senior at Hatboro-Horsham High School, has been named June 2026 Student of the Month at the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) in Willow Grove. He was recognized for his outstanding performance in EASTERN's Protective Services program. The Student of the Month Award, sponsored by EASTERN's faculty, Joint Operating Committee, and the Willow Grove Rotary Club, honors student excellence, achievement, and service. Ten students are selected for this distinction each year.

Dominic was first introduced to EASTERN through his brother, who previously attended and spoke highly of the experience. Prior to enrolling, Dominic felt he faced some academic challenges at Hatboro-Horsham. When visiting EASTERN's Protective Services program as a sophomore, he was drawn to the strong sense of community within the class. He appreciated how students supported one another and described the environment as family-like. "Mr. Raggi fosters an accepting and inclusive classroom," Dominic said.

At Hatboro-Horsham, Dominic is a four-year varsity lacrosse starter and competes in wrestling. He volunteers at youth clinics, helping younger lacrosse players develop their skills. Through Hatboro-Horsham High School, he participates in a student-led outreach group that supports underprivileged individuals in the local community. Each month, the group travels to Broad Street in Philadelphia to distribute supplies to individuals experiencing homelessness and organizes food and clothing drives to support their efforts.

Through his program at EASTERN, Dominic has earned several industry-recognized certifications, including CPR/AED, multiple FEMA ICS/NIMS emergency management certifications, and Stop the Bleed training. In September 2025, he was selected for an EASTERN National Hispanic Heritage Month Student Spotlight.

"Dominic is a strong leader who is open-minded, receptive to constructive feedback, and compassionate," said Michael Raggi, EASTERN's Protective Services Instructor. "I am proud of his accomplishments and confident that he will achieve whatever he sets out to do."

Dominic works part-time as a sales associate at Lacrosse Unlimited, where he was recently promoted to Assistant Manager. He has enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on a four-year contract and will begin basic training in late August. After completing his military service, he plans to build his experience and strengthen his résumé before applying to the Pennsylvania State Police Academy. His goal is to become a Pennsylvania State Trooper.

Awards Night

On Wednesday, May 20, 2026, EASTERN held its annual Awards Night at Upper Moreland High School. This year, 196 students were recognized, with \$68,000 awarded for academic and technical achievement. Special thanks to the EASTERN Foundation, staff, sponsors, and local partners for making the event possible.

BOARD BRIEF

June 2026

Academic Affairs

Advisory Committee Student Representatives

The Executive Advisory Committee (EAC) student representative is Lucas Smith, Protective Services/HHHS. The Occupational Advisory Committee (OAC) student representatives:

- Automotive Technology - Caleb Straub
- Business and Technology - Giavanna Piselli
- Carpentry - Edward Shaw
- Collision Repair Technology - Alexander Keane
- Cosmetology - Alani Fermin
- Culinary Arts- Roseline Diaz Gonzalez
- Design, Photography, and Illustration - Deion Hunter and Alyssa Novick
- Electrical Technology - Anthony Hairston
- Exercise Science and Rehabilitation - Mackenzie Harmon and Bailey Fichter
- HVAC - Anthony Drummond
- Network and Cybersecurity - Maliah Opuni
- Protective Services - James Harrison
- Robotics and Automated Technology - Gabriel Brunozzi
- Veterinary Science - Natalia Torres
- Welding Technology - Jaimil Patel

Program Equipment

The JOC authorized program equipment purchases outlined in the 2027-2028 budget proposal.

Continuing Education

The JOC approved the 2026-2027 Continuing Education programs and tuition.

Program Status

The JOC approved all programs to run at full-time status for the 2026-2027 school year.

Policy

2026-2027 School Goals

The JOC accepted EASTERN's School Goals for the 2026-2027 school year:

Climate and Culture
Educational Programming
Student Achievement

Personnel

Joint Operating Committee

- Dr. Scott Eveslage, Superintendent of Hatboro-Horsham School District, was approved as EASTERN's Superintendent of Record for the term July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028.
- Marta Mecray as Treasurer for a one-year term from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.
- Katie Braun as Secretary for a four-year term from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030

Compensations

The JOC approved Administrative, Classified, Practical Nursing and Continuing Education salaries for the 2026-2027 school year.

Security Guard

The JOC approved the creation of a full-time position, Security Guard, to be responsible for overall safety and security of the school. This position will be funded by PCCD Grant and is contingent on grant funding; the approval of the Job Description of Security Guard; and appointment of Kenneth Miller as Security Guard effective August 25, 2026, for the 2026-2027 school year.

Construction Cluster Occupational Aide

The JOC approved Elissa Johnson as the Construction Cluster Occupational Aide effective August 25, 2026, for the 2026-2027 school year.

Training Supervisors

The JOC approved the following:

- Christopher Roles as Training Supervisor for EASTERN's Electrical Technology student Marcus Paulik/Abington
- Gary Felmey and Fred Fox as Training Supervisor for EASTERN's Welding Technology student Jonah Henigan/Abington; HVAC students Anthony Drummond/Abington and Dawson McCain/Springfield; Electrical Technology students Noah Fuchs/Upper Moreland, and Anthony Hairston/Abington.
- Lou Geld as Training Supervisor for EASTERN's Networking and Cybersecurity student Andre Callaway/Archbishop Wood.

Technology

Zoom Communications: The JOC approved agreements with Zoom Communications, Inc. for a three-year renewal agreement to provide phone, meeting, and webinar services.

Ricoh Copier: The JOC approved entering a four-year copier lease with Ricoh beginning on July 1 for our three copiers located in our administration, practical nursing, and directors' areas.

Solicitor Approval

The JOC approved Wisler Pearlstine, LLP, for solicitor services for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years.

Physician of Record

The JOC approved the agreement between AMH and EASTERN for services for a Physician of Record.

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU)

The JOC approved CSIU for student information systems management with program of study (POS) task tracking module, GURUBoard subscription, online registration management, and financial systems management.