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\*Seminar Room 8 PM

November 11, 2026\*  
December 9, 2026  
January 13, 2027  
February 10, 2027  
March 10, 2027\*  
April 14, 2027  
May 12, 2027\*  
June 16, 2027

#### Awards Night

May 19, 2027  
Upper Moreland HS

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A report from the October 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.

## October 2026 Student of the Month – Ace Williams, Design, Photography, and Illustration



Ace Williams, a senior at Abington Senior High School, has been named October 2026 Student of the Month at the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) in Willow Grove. They are being recognized for their outstanding performance in EASTERN's Design, Photography, and Illustration (DPI) 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.

Ace first learned about EASTERN from their school counselor at Abington Senior High School. They signed up to attend EASTERN's presentation at Abington and was especially impressed by a DPI student

representative. Ace has a strong passion for photography and hopes to expand their skills to prepare for a future career as a forensic photographer.

At Abington High School, Ace is an Honor Roll student, participated in Marching Band, and is a dedicated member of the Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA), a student-led organization that provides a safe and supportive space for LGBTQ+ students and their allies. Through GSA, they were part of a student group that spoke with the school board about the topic of gender-neutral bathrooms.

At EASTERN, Ace served as a State Conference Delegate and campaign manager for a student running for SkillsUSA State Officer — and helped lead a successful campaign. As a junior, they served as a SkillsUSA class officer for the DPI program, was selected to attend the Fall Leadership Conference in the Poconos and assisted at EASTERN's Open House. At EASTERN's Awards Night in May 2026, they received the prestigious Director's Award. Through the DPI program, they earned their Adobe InDesign 2026 certification.

Outside of school, Ace is a longtime Girl Scout who has earned the Bronze Award. They credit Girl Scouts with encouraging their involvement in community service activities, including volunteering with One House at a Time, whose mission is to help families in Greater Philadelphia establish or reestablish self-sufficient lives by providing the necessities of a functional home environment. The organization also focuses on ending child bedlessness to improve overall health and well-being.

After graduating from Abington and completing the DPI program, Ace plans to attend a four-year college to study forensics. They are already exploring their options and participated in a summer program at Johnson & Wales University, where they learned more about the university's state-of-the-art forensic science program, including its dedicated crime scene training areas and simulation labs.

## BOARD BRIEF

### SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference

The Joint Operating Committee approved approximately 45 students and five chaperones to attend the SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference from November 18 – 20, 2026, at Kalahari resorts in Pocono Manor, PA.

### SkillsUSA Fundraising Activities

The Joint Operating Committee approved the following SkillsUSA fundraising activities:

- Second Annual SkillsUSA Turkey Trot, November 17, 2026, to support the SkillsUSA State Initiative
- CHOP Pajama Day, December 4, 2026, to benefit Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

### Personnel

#### Administrative Assistant (Part-time) to the Main Office Job Description Change

The Joint Operating Committee approved the changes to the job description for the Administration Assistant to the Main Office Job Description to include duties and responsibilities of the Continuing Education program following the termination of J&J Staffing and to increase weekly hours from 25 to 28.

#### Practical Nursing Adjunct Instructors

The Joint Operating Committee approved the following Practical Nursing Adjunct Instructors for the 2026 – 2027 school year:

- Barbara Ochester, EdD, MSN, RN
- Pamela Scimeca, BSN, RN
- Danielle Serbin, BSN, RN
- Teri-Ann Wollyung, BSN, RN

#### Training Supervisors

The Joint Operating Committee approved the following Training Supervisors for EASTERN's students:

- Victor Baptista, Team Toyota, for Flavio Quino-Ruchi from Automotive Technology/Hatboro-Horsham High School.
- Rich Bonito, Faulkner Toyota Trevoise, for Oliver Pratley, Automotive Technology/Springfield Township High School.
- Dean Seltzer, Technical Metal Post Montco, LLC, for Perry Irwin, Carpentry/Jenkintown

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### Facilities, Technology, and Financial Affairs

#### Proposal for the Cleaning of the Kitchen Hood Exhaust System

The Joint Operating Committee approved the proposal from Air-Vent Duct Cleaning, Inc. for the cleaning of the kitchen hood exhaust system.

#### Service Agreement for Security, Fire Alarm, and Detection Systems

The Joint Operating Committee approved the platinum service agreement with Minuteman Security & Life Safety to provide ongoing maintenance, technical support, corrective services, preventative maintenance, monitoring services for our security, fire alarm, and intrusion detection system.

#### Contract for Storage Area Network and Server Support

The Joint Operating Committee approved the HPE contract agreement with IntegraOne for storage area network and server support for one year.

### EASTERN Craft Fair – Mark your Calendars!

Get into the Holiday Spirit at EASTERN's Annual Holiday Craft Fair!

Join us on Sunday, December 6, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a festive morning of holiday shopping, delicious food, and seasonal fun! Browse a variety of unique, handcrafted treasures from local vendors, enjoy tasty food, and soak up the sounds of live music as you check off those holiday shopping lists.

Start your morning with breakfast! Join the Kiwanis for their Holiday Breakfast in EASTERN's Restaurant at 8:30 a.m., before heading into the Craft Fair for even more holiday cheer!

Bring your family and friends, support local vendors, and make EASTERN part of your holiday tradition. We can't wait to celebrate the season with you!