

DESTINATION: CAREER

Annual Report

2025-2026

3075 Terwood Road

Willow Grove, PA 19090

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

Secondary School Programs 2025 - 2026

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

College Incentives Through Articulation Agreements

One of the many benefits of attending EASTERN is the opportunity to earn college credit while preparing for a future career. Students who demonstrate proficiency in their program may be eligible to receive advanced standing or college credits when they enroll at one of EASTERN's participating postsecondary institutions.

EASTERN maintains both locally negotiated articulation agreements and statewide agreements through the Secondary-to-Postsecondary Articulation (SOAR) program. Depending on the program and institution, students may earn up to nine college credits at no cost.

Statewide SOAR articulation agreements are available with institutions including Bucks County Community College, Delaware County Community College, Montgomery County Community College, Community College of Philadelphia, Harcum College, and many other participating colleges throughout Pennsylvania. Information about statewide agreements can be found at www.collegetransfer.net under the SOAR program section. Details about EASTERN's local articulation agreements are available in the Parents & Students section of www.eastech.org.

Through these partnerships, EASTERN helps students transition seamlessly from career and technical education to postsecondary education, saving both time and tuition costs while building on the skills they have already developed.





Dual Credit with Montogomery 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 Enrollment with Pennsylvania College of Technology

EASTERN and Penn College of Technology established a dual enrollment 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

Registered Pre-Apprenticeship Programs

EASTERN currently offers five programs approved as Registered Pre-Apprenticeship Programs: Electrical Technology, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, Networking and Cybersecurity, Robotics and Automated Technology, and Welding Technology. Students benefit from industry tours, resume reviews, mock interviews, tools, and valuable industry connections. During the 2025–2026 school year, students in the Electrical Technology, Robotics and Automated Technology, and Welding Technology programs received tools, OSHA vouchers, and uniform supplies through a grant with the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

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. Local businesses can take advantage of customized training programs. Additional information on EASTERN's Continuing Education programs is 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. Classes meet at EASTERN's Willow Grove campus and partnering healthcare facilities. 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 CEN). Additional information on EASTERN's Practical Nursing program is found on the Practical Nursing page at www.eastech.org.

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Message

from Dr. Cathleen Plesnarski
Executive Director

This year's theme, Destination: Career, reflects EASTERN's continued commitment to not only preparing students for their career pathway, but helping them transition from school to their career, whether that path leads directly to employment, college, apprenticeship training, military service, or advanced technical education. During the 2025–2026 school year, EASTERN focused on tightening up the school -to- career pathway by increasing dual credit opportunities and increasing the number of programs approved as registered pre-apprenticeships. EASTERN partnered with Penn College of Technology to offer dual credit, giving EASTERN 8 instead of just 3 programs that offer dual credit. These additional opportunities through Penn College of Technology were implemented in Culinary Arts, Welding Technology, Design, Photography, and Illustration, Electrical Technology, and Collision Repair Technology.

EASTERN continued partnering with registered apprenticeship programs to gain approval for 5 programs to be registered pre-apprenticeship programs: Electrical Technology, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, Networking and Cybersecurity, Robotics and Automated Technology, and Welding Technology. These programs provide students with valuable industry exposure, technical training, employability skills, and direct connections to employers and apprenticeship opportunities. Through partnerships with local businesses, unions, and organizations, students benefited from mock interviews, resumé reviews, industry mentoring, tools, certifications, and workplace experiences that help position them for success beyond high school.

We continue to celebrate the achievements, talents, and growth of our students. Whether earning certifications, participating in work-based learning with our employer partners, competing through SkillsUSA, earning scholarships, or preparing for college and careers, our students demonstrate the determination and excellenc that defines EASTERN.

We are grateful to our students, families, faculty, staff, business partners, and community supporters for helping EASTERN remain a place where students are empowered to discover their strengths, pursue their passions, and confidently navigate their **Destination: Career.**

OUR 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.

We ensure that students have **equitable access to high-quality programs** that align to their interests and career goals.

We provide students with a **documented skill set** to assure employers that the students have successfully acquired the knowledge and skills needed for specific jobs and occupations.

We **actively seek, listen to, and act on** the views of the business community.

We **work with leaders** of the participating school districts to develop a sense of common ownership of the school and a common sense of the school's value.

We **value the staff of the school** both as members of the school's learning community and as participants in the school's decision-making processes.

We **offer programs** that address career preparation, acquisition, and advancement to lead to lifelong success.

We provide a **safe and inclusive learning environment** to all members of our community.

We **charge our leaders** with learning, leading, transmitting, and building the organization's culture.

We **conduct a systematic, strategic review** of each program in the school, through the occupational advisory committees, not less than once every 5 years.

Goal 1

CLIMATE AND CULTURE

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

EASTERN's Equity Committee, made up of faculty, staff, and administrators, continued to examine student achievement data, host focus groups, and honored our diverse population by recognizing and celebrating the diverse identities and accomplishments of our student body throughout the year. Students were nominated to be recognized for National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month, Black History Month, National Women's History Month, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and Pride Month. For the third year in a row, we had 97% positive responses on our Climate and Culture survey with no disproportionality in any of our subgroups.Our student focus group dialogue focused on identifying contributing factors to these outstanding results.

During these observances, teachers and administrators nominated students for their achievements both in and out of the classroom. 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.

Thank you to all of the students who allowed us to spotlight them and honor the unique qualities, experiences, and perspectives that contribute to our diverse school community.



Student Diversity Recognition

October - National Hispanic Heritage Month

Dominic Hernandez, Protective Services
Hatboro-Horsham High School
Giselle Aguilar-Rodriguez, Veterinary Science
Hatboro-Horsham High School
Daniel Pina-Hernandez, Collision Repair Technology
Upper Moreland High School

December - Community Service Month

Matthew Schmidt, Welding Technology
Abington Senior High School
Emma Fricker, Design, Photography, and Illustration
Upper Dublin High School
David Phillips, Protective Services
Abington Senior High School

February - Black History Month

Makaila Dupree, Business and Technology Professional
Cheltenham High School
Giovanni Francis, Automotive Technology
Cheltenham High School
Infinity Miller-Broadwater, Exercise Science and Rehabilitation/Abington Senior High School
Kayla Ervin, Business and Technology Professional
Cheltenham High School
Morgan Monte, Design, Photography, and Illustration
Upper Dublin High School
Cayla Brooks, Culinary Arts
Springfield Township High School
Dena Humphries, Protective Services
Upper Moreland High School
Ehizele Arebamen, Allied Health
Cheltenham High School
Markcus Jones, Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning
Abington Senior High School

March - National Women's History Month

Alani Fermin, Cosmetology
Cheltenham High School
Savannah Adams, Allied Health
Abington Senior High School
Bijou Tilema, Networking and Cybersecurity
Cheltenham High School
Lyla Sand, Cosmetology
Upper Dublin High School
Ashley Vargas, Allied Health
Cheltenham High School
Kyrah Walden, Protective Services
Upper Moreland High School
Nonkululeko Waters, Protective Services
Upper Moreland High School

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Nrinh (Devin) Khounxay, Welding Technology
Hatboro-Horsham High School
Tiffany Quan, Allied Health
Abington Senior High School
Justin Kim, Protective Services
Cheltenham High School

Student Focus Group Volunteers

Thank you to all students who participated in our student focus groups. Student input is valued at EASTERN, and student perspectives play an important role in helping us grow and improve.

Allied Health
Ehizele Arebamen – Cheltenham High School
Bella Bowden – Cheltenham High School
Lilee Ziegler – Hatboro-Horsham High School

Automotive Technology
Anthony Ginaldi – Upper Dublin High School
Oliver Pratley – Springfield Township High School
Leo Kuntzmann – Abington Senior High School
Giovanni Francis – Cheltenham High School
Kenya Samuels – Jenkintown High School

Business and Technology Professional
Lilly Tobi – Hatboro-Horsham High School
Aiden Kuestner – Upper Moreland High School
Darii Parkhomenko – Jenkintown High School
Ilaf Harfoush – Lower Moreland High School

Collision Repair Technology
Lily Ball – Upper Moreland High School

Carpentry
Thomas Haring – Upper Moreland High School

Cosmetology
Emma Angell – Hatboro-Horsham High School

Culinary Arts
Alexander Dar – Lower Moreland High School
Karley Bunkin – Springfield Township High School
Christine Singleton – Cheltenham High School
Jayden Johnson – Springfield Township High School
Mikayla Trachtman – Hatboro-Horsham High School
Kayleen Burton – Abington Senior High School
Zoe Ruth – Hatboro-Horsham High School

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

Electrical Technology
Molly Smtih – Upper Dublin High School
Guilherme De Freitas – Hatboro-Horsham High School
Jaylen Hill – Cheltenham High School

Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
Amira Banks – Cheltenham High School
Malia Feristin – Cheltenham High School
Kassidy Hessian – Abington Senior High School

Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
Markcus Jones – Abington Senior High School

Networking and Cybersecurity
Reggie Kyaw – Upper Moreland High School
Bijou Tilema – Cheltenham High School
Joshua Marcus – Cheltenham High School
Adam Earnest – Upper Moreland High School

Protective Services
Kelly Rigaut – Abington Senior High School
Peyton Haldane – Upper Dublin High School
Nonkululeko Waters – Upper Moreland High School

Robotics and Automated Technology
William Rivera – Abington Senior High School

Veterinary Science
Hayden Zimmerman – Abington Senior High School
Tyler Little – Abington Senior High School
Syd Bateman – Abington Senior High School

Welding Technology
Harry Beasley – Hatboro-Horsham High School
Shane Maloney – Hatboro-Horsham High School
Michael Lucas – Hatboro-Horsham High School

National Technical Honor Society

EASTERN proudly recognized nine 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 June 3, 2026.

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, national and 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 2026 inductees of the National Technical Honor Society at EASTERN!



Jackson Butts, Business and Technology Professional Abington Senior High School

Santino Coccimiglio, Protective Services Abington Senior High School

Kade Dufala, Allied Health
Hatboro-Horsham High School

Alivia Dupont, Veterinary Science
Lower Moreland High School

Colton Ellis, Protective Services
Hatboro-Horsham High School

Bailey Fichter, Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
Upper Dublin High School

Mackenzie Harmon, Exercise Science and Rehabilitation
Hatboro-Horsham High School

Liliana Mexquititla-Martinez, Veterinary Science
Springfield Township High School

Zoe Ruth, Culinary Arts
Hatboro-Horsham High School

Goal 2
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Continuously improve current programming and expand based on labor market needs and student interest.

EASTERN has worked diligently to expand student access to its career and technical education programs. During the 2025–2026 school year, the school promoted its new Construction Careers and Management program for the 2026–2027 school year to help address the growing demand and reduce waitlists for its construction-related programs.

The Construction Careers and Management program introduces students to a variety of skilled trades and industry pathways, including carpentry, HVAC, electrical, masonry, and construction project management. Students will gain foundational knowledge, hands-on experience, and an understanding of the diverse career opportunities available within the construction industry.

EASTERN's marketing efforts are designed to inform all 10th-grade students and their parents in our participating school districts about the career and technical education programs available for their junior and senior years. We work closely with our participating districts to develop strong collaborative partnerships that support student enrollment and success. At the same time, we continually evaluate our facilities and resources to ensure they can effectively accommodate and sustain our program offerings.

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 included PowerPoint, video, and brief speeches made 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 fill out a brief online survey indicating whether the student 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 counselor point of contact. Interested students were invited and encouraged to participate in the December 18, 2025, or February 5, 2026, 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 591 potential students participate during the 2025 – 2026 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. Live presentations at several middle schools were also conducted for those who preferred that method.



Open House 2026

EASTERN's 2026 Open House was held on Sunday, March 1, 2026, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. At the Open House parents and students learned how EASTERN students can earn college credit 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 in EASTERN's career programs were scheduled.

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. 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 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*.

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.



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."

Alignment with Postsecondary Education

College Connection

Students may qualify for up to nine free college credits through statewide articulation agreements. In addition to all statewide articulation agreements and dual enrollment opportunities with Montgomery County Community College, EASTERN has made agreements with the following postsecondary institutions for qualifying students to take advantage of advanced standing due to their successful participation in an EASTERN program. All agreements are posted in full on EASTERN's website at www.eastech.org, Under "Current Students." You will find agreements with the following postsecondary institutions:

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
Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning
Robotics and Automated Technology

Walnut Hill College
Culinary Arts

Facility upgrades continued throughout the 2025-2026 school year, including:

Culinary Arts Renovation: EASTERN completed a full renovation of the Culinary Arts program in October 2025, transforming both the instructional lab and the restaurant into modern, state-of-the-art learning spaces. This renovation also opened up 8 more seats for students.

Construction Careers and Management: Construction began in May 2026 on EASTERN's newest program, Construction Careers and Management. The project is expected to be completed in August 2026 in time for the start of the 2026–2027 school year.

Practical Nursing Relocation: Construction also began on the new home for the Practical Nursing program, which will relocate to the former Upper Moreland School District Administration Building. To accommodate the new Construction Careers and Management program, the Exercise Science and Rehabilitation program will be relocated to the Terwood Road side of the main campus.

Veterinary Science: The heating system was replaced in the Veterinary Science program.

Building wide: The boiler replacement project has been ongoing throughout the school year.

SEPTEMBER Student of the Month



ANTHONY GINALDI
2026 Graduate

EASTERN Program: Automotive Technology -Will Soleau

Earned Educational Credentials: EASTERN Certificate, Lift Institute Certification, S/P2 certifications in Electric Vehicle Safety, Automotive Service Safety, Automotive Service Pollution Prevention, and Valvoline Motor Oil 101.

School: Upper Dublin High School

School and Community Activities: Through EASTERN's Automotive Technology program, Anthony has gained hands-on experience performing oil changes, tire changes, wheel balancing, wheel alignments, brake service, and safely lifting and jacking a variety of vehicles. He was also part of the team that prepared and submitted EASTERN's SkillsUSA Chapter of Excellence application for Pennsylvania—an honor earned by only three chapters statewide. At Upper Dublin High School, Anthony played club soccer and was a member of the school bowling team.

Awards: During the 2024–2025 school year, Anthony attended the SkillsUSA Leadership Conference in the Poconos and served as the student representative for the Automotive Technology Occupational Advisory Committee (OAC). He was named the 2025–2026 SkillsUSA student representative for the AM Automotive Technology Class. Over two consecutive years at EASTERN's Awards Night, Anthony earned the Straight A Award twice (2025, 2026), the Automotive Technology OAC Award, and the Sean C. Burke Memorial Scholarship. He also represented EASTERN at the 2026 SkillsUSA National competition as a Model of Excellence Chapter representative.

Where are they now? Anthony is attending Pennsylvania College of Technology studying Aviation Maintenance.

ENROLLMENT
September 30th Enrollment

PROGRAM	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Allied Health	29	36	48
Automotive Technology	46	46	37
Business and Technology Professional	31	38	24
Collision Repair Technology	40	40	34
Carpentry	40	40	40
Cosmetology	62	73	72
Culinary Arts	63	61	67
Design, Photography, and Illustration	44	43	46
Electrical Technology	41	44	44
Exercise Science and Rehabilitation	35	39	39
Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning	39	40	40
Networking and Cybersecurity	28	27	37
Protective Services	25	37	40
Robotics and Automated Technology	30	36	24
Veterinary Science	40	39	40
Welding Technology	40	41	42
TOTAL (CAREER AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS)	633	680	674

PARTICPATING SCHOOL	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Abington	157	180	154
Cheltenham	101	112	116
Hatboro/Horsham	98	104	102
Jenkintown	22	25	28
Lower Moreland	26	34	40
Springfield	62	59	58
Upper Dublin	56	64	50
Upper Moreland	105	102	118
Other	3	0	8
TOTAL	633	680	674

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	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Enrollment	80%	82%	87%	92%	89%
Attendance	94%	93%	93%	93%	94%
Regular Attendance	85%	76%	79%	80%	86%
EASTERN Retention	85%	80%	68%	84%	84%
Program Retention	*	79%	67%	83%	83%
Completion	73%	90%	95%	94%	97%
Placement ^	84%	78%	88%	89%	90%
Placement Response %	*	84%	95%	93%	82%
NOCTI - Competent +	91%	91%	92%	91%	95%
NOCTI - Advanced	72%	53%	64%	64%	64%
Industry Certificates	75%	96%	100%	99%	99%

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



OCTOBER Student of the Month



AMIRA BANKS
2026 Graduate

EASTERN Program: Exercise Science and Rehabilitation – Shelley Helm, Instructor

Earned Educational Credentials: EASTERN Certification, CPR, and OSHA-10

School: Cheltenham High School

School and Community Activities: Amira has had a passion for sports since the age of six, participating in track, volleyball, and soccer. As a dedicated athlete competing in Varsity Track and Field for Cheltenham High School and participating in Club Track and Field, she has gained a deep understanding of the vital role physical therapy plays in helping athletes recover and reach peak. As a junior at EASTERN, Amira was selected by her instructor for a Black History Month Student Spotlight. At Cheltenham High School, in addition to being an honor roll student and outstanding performance athlete, Amira volunteered at Cedarbrook Middle School during volleyball and track seasons to assist the middle school athletes in developing their skills. At Cheltenham High School, she was part of the Black Scholars Program and was a member of the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) program, which helps students develop business skills and leadership qualities.

Awards: At EASTERN's May 2026 Awards Night, Amira was awarded the Straight A Award.

Where are they now?
Amira is at University of Delaware to pursue a six-year Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program.

Goal 3
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Foster student achievement and outcomes in completing the program and transitioning to post-graduation career plans.

This goal challenges EASTERN's staff to actively assist students as they transition to the workforce, military, or postsecondary education. This means that EASTERN's staff ensures our students earn industry certifications that make students more employable and ready to continue their education. EASTERN also engages in strategic alliances with industry organizations to keep our programs responsive to changing labor markets and advancements in technology. Finally, key support for this goal includes inviting employers to interview students and speak about job opportunities and inviting post-secondary representatives and program graduates to speak with students. EASTERN strives to ensure that students have the necessary technical skills. This includes ensuring our students earn industry-recognized certifications and licensures, continuously evaluating and improving our programs, and providing support to students to help reduce barriers to student achievement and to help transition our students to their post-graduation goals.

Measures of student success at EASTERN include technical skill attainment, student completion rates, program certification, and participation in the student leadership organization.



Certificates and Licensure

During the 2025 – 2026 school year, our students earned 949 industry-standard certificates, 844 of which are recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, 99% 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, and OSHA 10.ith 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 I-CAR Academy, 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.

Carpentry students had the opportunity to earn their Safety and Pollution Prevention (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 juniors had the opportunity to earn the S/P2 Cosmetology Certification. Some students participated in the volunteer summer Cosmetology program to accumulate hours toward the 1,250 training hours required for licensure. Additionally, qualifying seniors were eligible to take their State Board Exam ahead of schedule, providing an opportunity to begin their professional careers sooner.



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.

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, Stop the Bleed certification, 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 Hybrid Server Pro Certificate. 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 earn 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.

NOVEMBER Student of the Month



KARLEY BUNKIN
2026 Graduate

EASTERN Program: Culinary Arts – Benjamin Vozzo, Instructor

Earned Educational Credentials: EASTERN Certificate, ServSafe Certification

School: Springfield Township High School

School and Community Activities: At Springfield Township High School, she was a member of the Ski and Snowboard Club, and the National Art Honor Society. Outside of school, she volunteered with Whosoever Gospel Mission in Philadelphia and worked part-time as a food prep at the William Penn Inn.

Awards: As a junior, she received the prestigious Director's Award, the Culinary Arts Junior Award, and the Straight A Award at EASTERN's Awards Night in 2025. She also earned the silver medal in the Job Skill Demonstration competition at the SkillsUSA State Conference in April 2025 and April 2026. At EASTERN's 2026 Awards Night, Karley received the Culinary Arts Cooking Award.

Where are they now?
Karley now attends the Culinary Institute of America, studying Food Business.

DECEMBER Student of the Month



LELIA JOHNSON
2026 Graduate

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

Earned Educational Credentials: EASTERN Certificate

School: Cheltenham High School

School and Community Activities: Already an active member of Cheltenham High School's Robotics Club, she found the Robotics and Automated Technology program at EASTERN to be the perfect fit for her when she visited EASTERN in 10th grade. She interviewed and was selected as a paid intern for the summer of 2025 with EASTERN's Facilities Department, where she assisted with various school maintenance projects. At Cheltenham High School, Lelia was an active Student Council member on the Environmental Committee, Vice President of the Debate Club, Treasurer of the Black Scholars Program, and a member of the FIRST Robotics Club, among many other activities. Outside of school, she founded the STEM Queens group at the Elkins Park Library, where she leads workshops designed to inspire students to explore STEM fields.

Awards: As a junior, Lelia received the Straight A Award at EASTERN's Awards Night in 2025. At EASTERN's 2026 Awards Night, she received the Robotics Golden Gear Award, the Social Advocacy Award, Straight A Award, and the Wilson Sammis Memorial Award.

Where are they now? Lelia is currently working as an apprentice at GlaxoSmithKline.

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:

American Culinary Federation (ACF) – Designed to assist Culinary Arts students in developing the technical and professional skills required to succeed in the food service industry. The Secondary Certification Committee of the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation officially certifies the Culinary Arts program. This certification was granted after an in-depth review of the facility and the program's processes and procedures.

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.

Employers Providing Internships

Students from 11 EASTERN programs took part in paid internships in 2025 – 2026. 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 2025-2026 school year included:

Automotive Technology

Elijah Carr – Abington – Faulkner Nissan – Jenkintown
Leo Kuntzmann – Abington – Jaguar Land Rover WG

Collision Repair Technology

Monte Butterfield – Abington – Caliber Collision
William Jones – Springfield – Morano Brothers
Gino Pellicciotti – Hatboro-Horsham – Pontelli's Automotive & Marine Service Center, Inc.
Ashlin Smith-Brodsky – Springfield – Willow Grove Auto Tops
Ashlin Smith-Brodsky – Springfield – Team Toyota Collision Center

Carpentry

Jayden Fitzsimmons – Hatboro-Horsham – Batchelor Home Improvements
Aiden Fisher – Abington – Timberlane, Inc.
Anthony Mutone – Springfield – Techno Metal Post Montco LLC.

Culinary Arts

Karley Bunkin – Springfield – Bredenbeck's Bakery & Ice Cream Parlor

Electrical Technology

Jack Bender – Springfield – Stahl Electric
Matthew Ford – Upper Moreland – Climatic Testing Systems
Luke Freeman – Abington – Orkin Electric Systems, Inc.

Exercise Science and Rehabilitation

Grayson Quinn – Springfield – Wissahickon PT

Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

Omar Lozada – Hatboro-Horsham – Huntingdon Mechanical Services, Inc.
Christian Melnick – Hatboro-Horsham – Site Specific Design, Inc.
Blake Wilson - Hatboro-Horsham – PCG Mechanical LLC

Robotics and Automated Technology

Ethan Duberville – Upper Dublin – Climatic Testing Systems
Eli Greeley – Abington – Greenfield Manufacturing CO LLC

Welding Technology

Eddie O Brien – Abington – O Donnell Metal Fabricators, Inc.

Veterinary Science

Hayden Zimmerman – Abington – EASTERN Veterinary Science Intern
Amanda Henry – Abington – EASTERN Veterinary Science Intern
Giselle Aguilar-Rodriguez – Hatboro-Horsham - EASTERN Veterinary Science Intern
Charlotte Nash – Lower Moreland - EASTERN Veterinary Science Intern

EASTERN's Summer Interns:
These students went through the application and interview process and were selected by their supervisors.

Technology Services Intern:

- Andre Callaway, Archbishop Wood / Networking and Cybersecurity

Facilities Interns:

- Jonah Henigan, Abington, Welding
- Anthony Drummond, Abington, HVAC
- Dawson McCain, Springfield, HVAC
- Noah Fuchs, Upper Moreland, Electrical
- Anthony Hairston, Abington, Electrical

Two additional summer interns:

- Marcus Paulik, Abington, Electrical - Haller Enterprises
- Flavio David Quito-Ruchi, Hatboro-Horsham, Automotive – Team Toyota

JANUARY Student of the Month



GRETCHEN LINN
2026 Graduate

EASTERN Program: Welding Technology – Meghan Cicchino, Instructor

Earned Educational Credentials:
EASTERN OSHA-10

School: Springfield Township High School

School and Community Activities:
At EASTERN, Gretchen was elected as a School-Wide SkillsUSA Officer for the PM session, serving as Reporter. Gretchen is a member of EASTERN's Women in Trades Club, led by Meghan Cicchino, Welding Technology Instructor. Last year, the club spoke to a group of female students in a STEM club at Keith Valley Middle School in Hatboro-Horsham. At Springfield Township High School, Gretchen stood out as a leader and athlete. She served as Captain of the Varsity Water Polo Team, is a proud member of the National Honor Society, and has been recognized as both Student Athlete of the Month and Suburban One League Athlete of the Week.

Awards: At EASTERN'S 2026 Awards Night, Gretchen received the Colony Club of Ambler Scholarship, the Educator's Association Award, the Social Advocacy Award, Straight A Award, and the Willpower, Determination, and Strength Award.

Where are they now?
Gretchen now attends Temple University for Mechanical Engineering.

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.
- Students attended the Anatomage Anatomy Tournament at Pennsylvania College of Technology.
- Three Allied Health students presented their Mind Over Misuse Presentation to Health Science 10th grade classes at Cheltenham High School.
- Students visited Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's King of Prussia location.

Automotive Technology

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- TMichael D'Agnilli from Snap On Student Excellence program spoke to the students about the program.
- Scott Nash, North American Sales, Product Management and Development, presented automotive aftermarket career opportunities.
- Students attended Tech Tuesday Philly Auto Show at the PA Convention Center.
- Paul Bilotta, an Automotive graduate and Penn College of Technology student, provided an overview of his college experience.

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.
- Joe Tavini, Colton Deitz, and Matt Conard talked about the Honda PACT program at Penn College of Technology.

Business and Technology Professional

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- Michelle Gill from Believe Learning spoke to the class about employability skills and entrepreneurship.
- Three students participated in an Eastern Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce networking event at TruMark Financial.

POSTSECONDARY

- Students visited Montgomery County Community College for career verification and interpersonal skills.

Collision Repair Technology

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- Aaron Scott, Collision Repair graduate from Kennedy Collision, worked with AM SkillsUSA local winner in preparation for the district competition.
- Danielle Doyle, Collision Repair graduate from Kennedy Collision, worked with PM SkillsUSA local winner in preparation for the district competition.
- Tech Tuesday Philly Auto Show at the PA Convention Center.

POSTSECONDARY

- Lee Kope from the Automotive Training Center.
- Jeff Jones from WyoTech.
- Jeff Renwich from Ohio Technical College. .

Carpentry

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- Students attended the Construction Pre-Apprenticeship Fair at Central Montco Technical High School.
- Dean and Paul Seltzer from Techno Metal Post Montco LLC provided a presentation and demonstration.

POSTSECONDARY

- David Barnett from Universal Technical Institute.

Cosmetology

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- Representatives from the Hair Cuttery provided Client Consultation Class.
- Michael Bareisas, Head Chef at The Fuge, discussed job opportunities.

Culinary Arts

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- Reese Fichter, a Culinary Arts graduate and student at Johnson and Wales University, spoke to the AM class about her experiences in college.

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 .
- Jessic Dougherty from Walnut Hill College.

Design, Photography, and Illustration

POSTSECONDARY

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

- Carly Steiner from Moore College of Art and Design.
- Nicholas Stephenson from Pennsylvania College of Technology.

Electrical Technology

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- Marc Benson from Universal Academy – Electrical Pre-Apprenticeship Program.
- Dave Barnett from Universal Technical Institute.

POSTSECONDARY

- Kevin Wright of ProtoGen Inc. provided a pilot demonstration of the VR training program.

Exercise Science and Rehabilitation

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

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

POSTSECONDARY

- Jim Miller from Harcum College.

Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- Tommy Hoopsick from DUCTS of Delchester.
- Tracy Houser from Reit Fuel.
- Reverse Job Fair in Oaks, PA.

POSTSECONDARY

- Terry Moore from the University of Northwester 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.

Protective Services

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

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

- SFC Antonio Lozada from the U.S. Army.
- Richard Worthington, MS Training Coordinator Emergency Manager at Lower Moreland Police Department.
- Detective Morgan Caltabiano from the Lower Moreland Township Police Department.
- Joseph Weinstein, Adjunct Instructor at Bucks County Public Safety Training Center, provided the Hazardous Materials Awareness course.
- Students attended Firefighting training at the Abington Township Training Grounds.
- SSgt Lian Drake from the US Air Force and Space Force.
- Jason Smith, Captain #44 Commanding Officer of Central Detectives in Philadelphia.
- Lieutenant Michael Velazquez presented on Corrections in the adult and juvenile systems.
- Officer. Janelle Hunt from the Abington Police Force.
- Lauren Marvel, Assistant Chief of Trials Division in Montgomery County.
- Carl Sheridan from the Army National Guard.
- Javier Solis from Trojan Security Systems.

Robotics and Automated Technology

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- Students took an industry tour of New Age Industries.
- Students took an industry tour of Dana Incorporated.
- Students took an industry tour of Glaxo Smith Kline.

POSTSECONDARY

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

Veterinary Science

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- Students visited Fort Washington State Park to release fish.
- Madison Pease, Veterinary Science graduate, spoke to the class about her experiences in the Delaware Valley University Conservation program.
- Officer Snyder from the Upper Moreland Police Department and his police dog visited the program.

POSTSECONDARY

- Ryan Daly from Manor College.
- Linward Robinson from Harcum College.
- Students visited Delaware Valley University.

Welding Technology

WORK-BASED VISIT/PRESENTATION

- Liam Journey, Welding graduate from CBG Welding, provided students with a demonstration on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and oxyfuel equipment, highlighting essential safety practices and industry applications.
- Scott Horan, a Welding graduate and representative from Rhoads Industries, provided a demonstration of Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW), highlighting industry techniques and applications.
- Ryan Weaver and Nathan Sanders from Steamfitters Local 420.
- Students visited the Boilermakers Local 13 in Newportville, PA.
- Masea Paradis, a Welding Technology graduate who works for Rhoads Industries, presented opportunities within the company, and discussed her career path.
- Chris Hoyle from HAVIS provided an aluminum welding demo.
- Students took an industry tour at Miller Welding Facility.
- Students took an industry tour of the AWE Tuning in Horsham.

POSTSECONDARY

- Students visited Universal Technical Institute in Exton.
- Jimmy Robinson from Lincoln Technical Institute.

In addition to the above, there were many post-secondary, work-based, and military presentations open to all or multiple programs. .





Our Graduates HAVE CHOICES.

The majority continue their education, while others enter the workforce or military.
College that our 2025 - 2026 Graduates are Attending

Postsecondary List

Albright College
Alfred State College
Arcadia University
Automotive Training Center (ATC)
Brevard College
Bucks County Community College
Carpenters Union Philadelphia
Chestnut Hill College
Cheyney University
Chestnut Hill College
City College Of New York
College Of Charleston
Community College of Philadelphia
DeSales University
Drexel University
Duquesne University
Earlham College
East Stroudsburg University
Florida State University
Grove City College
Gwynedd Mercy University
Hampton University
Hanwha Philly Shipyard Apprenticeship
James Madison University
Johnson And Wales University
Juniata College
Kutztown University
Lasalle University
Lincoln University
Local 98 South Apprenticeship Program
Lutter Inc., Union
Manor College
Marywood University
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Messiah University
Millersville University
Misericordia University
Montgomery County Community College
Morgan State University
Nesbitt School Of Pharmacy Neumann University
Norfolk State University
Ohio Technical College
Penn State, Abington
Penn State, Harrisburg
Penn State University
Philadelphia Technician Training Institute
Purdue University
Rhoads Industries
Rose Hulman Institute of Tech
Saint Joseph's University
Savannah College Of Art & Design
Southern Maryland University
Southern University and A & M College
Steamfitters Local 420
Temple University
Thomas Jefferson University
Universal Technical Institute
University of Delaware
University Of Maine
University of Massachusetts
University of Northwestern Ohio
University of Pittsburgh
Villanova University
Walnut Hill College
Washington State University
West Chester University
Widener University
Wilson College
York College Of Pennsylvania

Employers

3D Autobody and Collision Center
Advantage Solutions
Anderson Welding
Ann's Choice
Audubon Sales & Services
Bonefish Grill
Bryner Chevy
Captain Andy's Market
Carmine & Co.
Carpenters Union
Chipotle
Commonwealth Country Club
E And J Fab Shop
Faulkner Nissan Jenkintown
Fetters Mill Fire Rescue
Fresh Market
George Zeo Auto
Giant Supermarket (2)
Haircuttery
Hairtown
Honeygrow
John Kennedy Ford of Jenkintown (2)
Local 98
Longhorn Steak House
Lutter Inc.
Lux Industries
Manor College
Mark Ford
McCaffrey Fuel Oil
Nichols Contracting
Patient Bliss
Pennsylvania Northeastern Railroad and Conrail
Philadelphia Gymnastics Academy
Quick Lube
Reit Energy Company
Rhoads Industries (2)
Rose Group
Scott Contractors
Smitty's Railings and Metalworks
Steamfitters 420
Swartley Brothers Engineers
Thompson Lexus
Turning Point
Velocity Restoration
We Love Philly
Whole Foods
Wissahickon Physical Therapy
Worth And Company
YMCA

Military

Army
Navy
Air Force
Marines

Seventy-one students from the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) participated in skill areas or leadership at the SkillsUSA District 2 Competitions held January 23 (Cooking and baking competitions) at Walnut Hill College, and January 28, 2026 (all other competitions) at Bucks County Technical High School.

Gold medalists from EASTERN are:

STUDENT NAME	PROGRAM	CONTEST	SCHOOL DISTRICT
ERIC MARTIN	Automotive Technology	Action Skills	Hatboro-Horsham
BELLA BOWDEN	Allied Health	Career Pathways Showcase Health Services	Cheltenham
MIA SASSANE	Allied Health	Career Pathways Showcase Health Services	Hatboro-Horsham
ALANI RIVERA	Allied Health	Career Pathways Showcase Health Services	Cheltenham
HARRISON JAMES	Protective Services	Criminal Justice	Abington
ETHAN HROMISIN	Networking and Cybersecurity	Cybersecurity	Cheltenham
DIANA CODIO	Networking and Cybersecurity	Cybersecurity	Cheltenham
OLIVER PRATLEY	Automotive Technology	Employment Application Process	Springfield
ELIAS SHATT	Networking and Cybersecurity	Internetworking	Springfield
GIOVANNI FRANCIS	Automotive Technology	Job Interview	Cheltenham
KARLEY BUNKIN	Culinary Arts 2	Job Skill Demo Open	Springfield
KADE DUFALA	Allied Health	Medical Math	Hatboro-Horsham
CYNIYA MANN	Allied Health	Medical Terminology	Springfield
NAOMI LOSTON	Design, Photography, and Illustration	Pin Design	Upper Moreland
ASHLEY VARGAS	Allied Health	Prepared Speech	Cheltenham
MERCEDE WALSH	Design, Photography, and Illustration	Promotional Bulletin Board	Springfield
MORGAN MONTE	Design, Photography, and Illustration	Promotional Bulletin Board	Upper Dublin
JENNALYNN ZUBYK	Design, Photography, and Illustration	Promotional Bulletin Board	Upper Moreland
ALEXA GAGNON	Design, Photography, and Illustration	T-shirt Design	Abington

Huge congratulations to EASTERN's SkillsUSA Chapter for being named a Chapter of Excellence Award recipient for Pennsylvania — one of only THREE chapters in the state to earn this incredible honor! Special shout out to Savannah Adams, Anthony Ginaldi, and Julia Lynch for preparing and submitting the award application — your time and effort truly paid off! Pictured (left to right): Mr. Joe Greb, EASTERN's Assistant Director; Dr. Cathleen Plesnarski, EASTERN's Executive Director; Anthony Ginaldi, Automotive Technology/Upper Dublin High School; Karley Bunkin, SkillsUSA AM President, Culinary Arts / Springfield Township High School;Savannah Adams, Allied Health/ Abington Senior High School; Julia Lynch, Allied Health/ Abington Senior High School;Allison Latzo, Allied Health Instructor & SkillsUSA Advisor; Hayley Granacher, School to Work Coordinator & SkillsUSA Advisor.







SkillsUSA State Competition

Twenty-four students from the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) in Willow Grove attended the SkillsUSA State Competition in Hershey, PA from April 8 through April 10, 2026. 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. Gold medalists will compete at the national level in June. Medalists from EASTERN include:

GOLD MEDAL WINNER

MODELS OF EXCELLENCE
Savannah Adams, EASTERN Allied Health/Abington High School, Anthony Ginaldi, EASTERN Automotive Technology/Upper Dublin High School

EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION PROCESS
Oliver Pratley, EASTERN Automotive Technology/ Springfield High School

FACILITHON – Ashley Vargas, EASTERN Allied Health/ Cheltenham High School

JOB INTERVIEW – Giovanni Francis , EASTERN Automotive Technology/Cheltenham High School

PROMOTIONAL BULLETIN BOARD – EASTERN Design, Photography, and Illustration: Mercede Walsh/Springfield High School, Morgan Monte/Upper Dublin High School and Jennalynn Zubyk/Upper Moreland High School

T-SHIRT DESIGN – Alexa Gagnon, EASTERN Design, Photography, and Illustration/Abington High School

STATE OFFICER – Lucas Smith, EASTERN Protective Services/Hatboro-Horsham High School

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

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

CAREER PATHWAYS SHOWCASE - HEALTH SERVICES – EASTERN Allided Health: Bella Bowden/Cheltenham High School, Mia Sassane/Hatboro Horsham High School and Alani Rivera/Cheltenham High School

JOB SKILL DEMO OPEN – Karley Bunkin, EASTERN Culinary Arts 2/Springfield High School

BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS

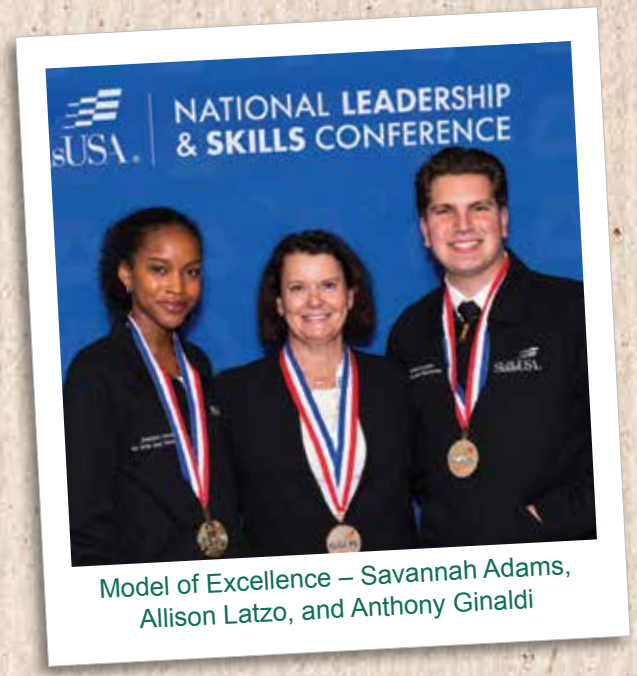
INTERNETWORKING – Elias Shatt, EASTERN Networking and Cybersecurity/Springfield High School

MEDICAL MATH – Kade Dufala, EASTERN Allied Health/ Hatboro-Horsham High School

"We are incredibly proud of our students and honored to be recognized as a Model of Excellence Chapter of SkillsUSA," said Allison Latzo, EASTERN's Allied Health Instructor and SkillsUSA Advisor. "These accomplishments reflect months of dedication, preparation, teamwork, and perseverance. Our student competitors represented EASTERN with professionalism and pride, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements."

The SkillsUSA Championships are the national culmination of a year-long competitive process that begins in local SkillsUSA chapters across the country. Students first compete at the local level before advancing to district or regional competitions. Winners then move on to the state championships, where gold medalists earn the opportunity to represent their states at the national SkillsUSA Championships each June. In addition to gold, silver, and bronze medals, competitors may earn scholarships, industry-recognized tools, and other awards that support their future careers.

Congratulations to all of EASTERN's competitors for representing their school, their programs, and their sending school districts with excellence on the national stage.



Model of Excellence – Savannah Adams, Allison Latzo, and Anthony Ginaldi

SkillsUSA National Competition

In June 2026, students representing Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) earned multiple medals and honors at the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference. Congratulations to the following students and advisors for their outstanding achievements:

MODEL OF EXCELLENCE (MOE)

- Anthony Ginaldi – Gold Medal, Automotive Technology – Upper Dublin
- Savannah Adams – Gold Medal, Allied Health – Abington
- Allison Latzo – Gold Medal, Allied Health Instructor/ SkillsUSA Advisor

PROMOTIONAL BULLETIN BOARD

- Morgan Monte – Bronze Medal, Design, Photography & Illustration – Upper Dublin
- Deion Hunter – Bronze Medal, Design, Photography & Illustration – Abington
- Jennalyn Zubyk – Bronze Medal, Design, Photography & Illustration – Upper Moreland

FACILITHON

- Ashley Vargas – Bronze Medal, Allied Health – Cheltenham

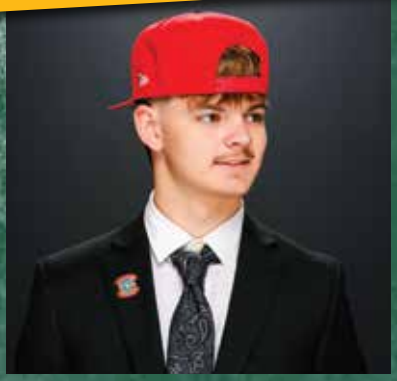
TOP 10 NATIONAL FINISH

- Alexa Gagnon – 10th Place (47 competitors) – T-Shirt Design – Design, Photography & Illustration – Abington

SKILLSUSA PENNSYLVANIA STATE OFFICER

- Lucas Smith – National Delegate, Protective Services – Hatboro-Horsham EASTERN Networking and Cybersecurity/Springfield High School

FEBRUARY Student of the Month



DAVID PHILLIPS
2026 Graduate

EASTERN Program: Robotics and Protective Services – Michael Raggi, Instructor

Earned Educational Credentials: EASTERN Certificate, CPR/AED, First Aid, Fire Fighter 1, and several Incident Command System (ICS) certifications.

School: Abington High School

School and Community Activities: David has been a junior member of the Roslyn Fire Company for the past four years. As a junior volunteer firefighter, David assisted during the SPS Technologies fire last February and took photographs at the scene. While the incident was devastating for the community, it proved to be a valuable learning experience, allowing David to observe the chain of command in action during an active emergency response. At Abington High School, David was an active member of the First Responders Club.

Awards: At EASTERN's Awards Night in 2025, he was recognized with the Protective Service Achievement Award. At EASTERN's 2026 Awards Night, David received the Straight A Award, the Lower Moreland Police Benevolence Association Award, the David G. Kelble Jr. Scholarship, the Ed Lambert Scholarship, and the Steve Plum Jr. Memorial EMT Scholarship.

Where are they now? David is working part-time with the Upper Moreland Fire Department while completing the additional certifications required to pursue a career in firefighting, including Firefighter 2, Vehicle Rescue Technician, and Emergency Vehicle Operator.

MARCH Student of the Month



MOLLY SMITH
2026 Graduate

EASTERN Program: Electrical Technology – Gary Felmey, Instructor

Earned Educational Credentials: EASTERN Certificate; OSHA certification

School: Upper Dublin High School

School and Community Activities: After just one year in the program, Molly interviewed for—and earned—a paid internship at EASTERN last summer. She worked alongside her Electrical Technology instructor, Gary Felmey, and EASTERN's Facilities Manager, Fred Fox, gaining real-world experience by helping to upgrade and maintain the school's buildings and grounds. She was selected to participate in Rosie's Girls, a registered pre-apprenticeship program for Electrical and Building Trades careers. Rosie's Girls is supported by Apprentice Training for the Electrical Industry (ATEI) in partnership with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local Union 98 and serves young women in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties. She was also the only female selected from Montgomery County for the program. At EASTERN, Molly was the PM Schoolwide Vice President for SkillsUSA, EASTERN's Student Leadership Organization.

Awards: At EASTERN's Award Night in 2025, Molly was recognized with the Straight A Award and Magdeline Felmey Memorial Award. At Awards Night in 2026, she received the Breaking Barriers Award, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 98 Award for Student Solidarity, the Straight A award, and the Trevor Hirsch Memorial Scholarship.

Where are they now? Molly is working full-time as an electrical apprentice.

Student Recognition Awards Night 2026

On Wednesday, May 20, 2026, Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (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. EASTERN is grateful to the EASTERN Foundation for its fundraising efforts, as well as to EASTERN staff, award sponsors, contributors, advisory committee members, and local businesses for helping honor EASTERN's outstanding students.

The auditorium at Upper Moreland High School was filled with EASTERN student award recipients, along with their friends, families, award presenters, and participating school administrators. Dr. Cathleen Plesnarski opened the ceremony by welcoming students, families, and supporters. She was followed by Mrs. Carolyn Riley, EASTERN's Joint Operating Committee President. Mr. Joe Greb, EASTERN's Assistant Director, served as master of ceremonies for the event.

"Awards Night is one of the most meaningful celebrations of the year because it shines a spotlight on the dedication, perseverance, and talent of our students," said Dr. Cathleen Plesnarski. "These awards recognize more than achievement in the classroom and lab — they reflect the commitment our students have made to building successful futures and making a positive impact in their communities."

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



Abby and Carla Bilotta Award Sponsors for the Chrysanthemum Project Award, with Alani Rivera from Allied Health



Tim Simmons presents the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley Award to Ryan Greene from Automotive Technology.

NEW EMPLOYEES/NEW POSITIONS

EASTERN welcomed new employees during the 2025 – 2026 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.



WILLIAM SOLEAU
AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR
William Soleau was appointed Automotive Technology Instructor, effective August 1, 2025. William came to EASTERN from Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center where he served as Automotive Repair Technology Instructor.



WILLIAM MORALES
AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION OCCUPATIONAL AIDE
William Morales was appointed Automotive Collision Occupational Aide, effective October 20, 2025. William came to EASTERN from Mercedes Benz of Princeton.

Third Annual Designer Bag Bingo

The EASTERN Foundation partnered with SkillsUSA, EASTERN's Student Leadership Organization, to run a Designer Bag Bingo in October 2025. This event was organized and staffed by EASTERN faculty, staff, and Foundation Board members. The event raised $6,377 to be split between student awards and funding SkillsUSA competitions and events.



APRIL Student of the Month



MICHAEL LUCAS
2026 Graduate

EASTERN Program: Welding Technology – Meghan Cicchino, Instructor

Earned Educational Credentials: EASTERN OSHA-10

School: Hatboro-Horsham High School

School and Community Activities: Michael's leadership and professionalism led to his selection as a representative of EASTERN at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit's Let's Talk Education event, hosted at EASTERN in November 2025. Through EASTERN's Student Leadership Organization, SkillsUSA, Michael competed in the Chapter Display competition last year and was selected by his instructor to attend both the 2024 and 2025 SkillsUSA Leadership Conferences. Michael was an accomplished musician at Hatboro-Horsham School District, where he played cello in the orchestra for 9 years, and played bass in the school's Jazz Band. Through the Welding Technology program, he has developed a strong technical skill set and earned industry-recognized training that will prepare him for full-time employment. His hands-on experience includes MIG welding, Stick welding, oxyfuel cutting, and plasma arc cutting—skills that are in high demand across the manufacturing and skilled trades industries.

Awards: At EASTERN's Awards Night in 2026, Michael received the EASTERN Foundation Award, and the Working Together Award.

Where are they now?
Michael is in the apprenticeship program at Rhodes Industries who specializes in comprehensive fabrication and welding services for both commercial clients and Department of Defense (MIL) projects.

MAY Student of the Month



NAIMA TIJANI
2026 Graduate

EASTERN Program: Culinary Arts – Benjamin Vozzo, Instructor

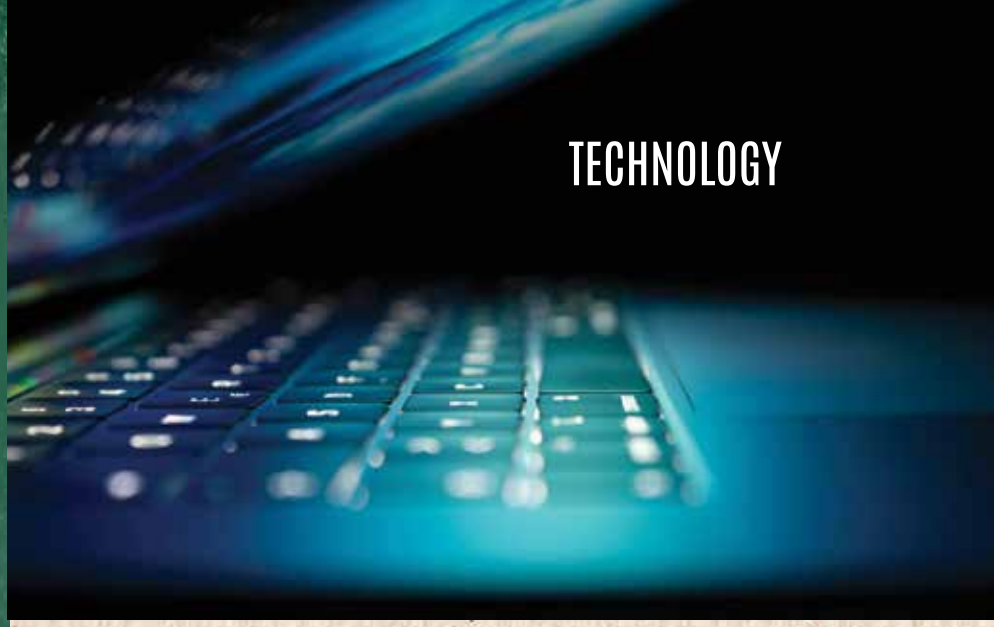
Earned Educational Credentials: EASTERN Certificate, ServSafe certification,

School: Abington High School

School and Community Activities: At Abington Senior High School, she was a member of both the National honor Society and Student Council. She was actively involved in Abington's Mini-THON, helping to raise funds in the fight against childhood cancer. At EASTERN, Naima volunteered her culinary skills at the four-course Joint Operating Committee dinner, and she helped greet and direct guests during Open House.

Awards: At EASTERN's Award Night in 2026, Nia received the Attendance Awards, and the Kiwanis Club of Old York Road Scholarship.

Where are they now? Naima is currently attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) studying Culinary Arts. She then hopes to continue her education in business.



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 priority. Some of the ways EASTERN keeps technology available is 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 2025 - 2026

- Technology Services secured e-Rate funding and purchased new wireless access points for our entire school
- Technology Services purchased upgraded computers for staff members
- Technology Services successfully piloted Windows 11 and then upgraded the entire building to Windows 11
- Technology Services upgraded the surveillance system with new cameras

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.

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 2025 – 2026 were:

- Class 164 – Kelsey VanSant
- Class 166 – Thy Tran
- Class 168 – Florica Avrilus I

The Foundation recognized four outstanding secondary students with the EASTERN Foundation Award: Makaila Dupree – Business and Technology Professional; William Jones – Collision Repair Technology; Ashlin Smith-Brodsky – Collision Repair Technology, and Michael Lucas – Welding Technology.

Fifteen students were recognized with the Foundation Award for High Student Achievement: Kade Dufala – Allied Health, James Maclaren Automotive Technology, Bryce Manwarren – Business and Technology Professional, Thomas Haring – Carpentry, Samantha Clewell– Cosmetology. , Chase Lambert - Culinary Arts, Alexa Gagnon– Design, Photography, and Illustration, Kevin Long– Electrical Technology, Kylie Decristofaro, Exercise Science and Rehabilitation, Elias Shatt- Networking and Cybersecurity, Justin Kim – Protective Services, David Rubin- Robotics and Automated Technology, Shannon Beck– Veterinary Science, and Frederick Simko – Welding Technology.

Also recognized at the Awards Night were 76 students who received the Straight A Award for the 2025 - 2026 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

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

JUNE Student of the Month



DOMINIC HERNANDEZ
2026 Graduate

EASTERN Program: Protective Services – Michael Raggi, Instructor

Earned Educational Credentials: EASTERN Certificate, CPR/AED, multiple FEMA ICS/NIMS emergency management certifications, and Stop the Bleed training.

School: Hatboro-Horsham High School

School and Community Activities: At Hatboro-Horsham, Dominic was a four-year varsity lacrosse starter and competed in wrestling. He volunteered at youth clinics, helping younger lacrosse players develop their skills. Through Hatboro-Horsham High School, he participated in a student-led outreach program that supported underprivileged individuals in the local community. Each month, the group traveled to Broad Street in Philadelphia to distribute supplies to individuals experiencing homelessness and organizes food and clothing drives to support their efforts. In September 2025, he was selected for an EASTERN National Hispanic Heritage Month Student Spotlight.

Awards: At EASTERN's 2026 Awards Night, Dominic received the Straight A Award and the Walt Kenney Award.

Where are they now?
Dominic is currently serving a four-year contract in the U.S. Marine Corps.

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 Apprentice 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 59 electrical apprentices from 10 – 15 employers in Bucks, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties were enrolled. In the Spring of 2026, 12 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 2025-2026 school year two full-time classes and one part-time class graduated, totaling 55 graduates.

This program is a great steppingstone for further nursing education. EASTERN's Practical Nursing program provides graduates with an opportunity to advance 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.

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 2025-2026 the test was administered to 264 prospective program candidates, and 138 new students were accepted into the program.

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



Jennifer Wilson
Hatboro-Horsham



Erskine Payton
Lower Moreland



Jeffrey Bedard
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
Mr. Steven Van Mater	Jenkintown
Dr. Dennis Best	Lower Moreland
Dr. Maryjo Yannacone	Springfield
Dr. Laurie Smith	Upper Dublin
Dr. Susan Elliott	Upper Moreland



Dr. Joseph Burdo
Upper Dublin



Grant Rounds
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
Penn State Abington, Postsecomdary

Amy O'Brien
Abington Jefferson Health, Human Resources

Lucas Smith
EASTERN Student, Representative



Allied Health

Rosalind Draughn	Nursing Home/Long-term Care – Redline CPR
Merryl Fulmer	Radiology – Diagnostic Imaging Specialists
Marilyn Harris	Home Care – International Home Care Nurses Organization
Betsy Herczeg	Hospital – Jefferson Abington Hospital
Pam Roberts	Post-Secondary Education – MCCC
Trinity Simpson	Nursing Student – Gwynedd Mercy University
Windy Viernes	Clinical Coordinator – EASTERN
Tamia Bradford	Student Representative

Automotive Technology

Joe Bangor	Technical Placement Specialist – Ford Motor
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	Post-Secondary Education – Automotive Training Center
Cody Krol	Heavy Equipment Tech – Earthborne Trucks and Equipment
William Morales	Automotive Technician – EASTERN
Victoria Penecale	Finishing/Production Department – Brands Imaging
Giuseppe Pugliese	Former Student Representative – J.L. Freed
Don Schnell	Independent Auto Repair – Verizon Enterprise Solutions
Anthony Ginaldi	Student Representative

Business and Technology Professional

Marketa Crane	Human Resources Coordinator – EASTERN Center for Arts and Technology
Cynthia Giannini	Legal Office Manager – Greenberg Traurig, LLP
Michelle Gill	Small Business Owner/Entrepreneur – Believe Learning

ADVISORY COMMITTEES 2025-2026

Rebecca Gushue	Human Resources Manager – Geodis Freight Forwarding
Elizabeth Lipp	Project Manager – General Machine Products
Alan Scholnick	Finance/Accounting – Alan Scholnick Coaching and Consulting, LLC
Ilaf Harfoush	Student Representative

Collision Repair Technology

Victor Baptista	Collision Center – Team Toyota Collision Center
Sarah Brett	Collision Center – Brett Collision Service-O'Neil Collision Center
Kody Levine	Auto Technician – Kody's Kustoms
Robert Malatesta	Painter – Whitemarsh Collision
Robert Mallon	Supplier – Colours Inc. Auto Paints
Jessica McCauley	Estimator – Montgomeryville Acura/ Nissan/Mitsubishi
Jonathan Mehrman	Former Student Representative – Wheels and Waves Upholstery
Derek Paterson	Insurance Appraiser – State Farm Insurance Co.
Ken Piccari	Dealer Body Shop Manager – National Appraisal Service
Michael Pierson	Independent Shop – Quality Auto Body
Gerard Schneider	Dealer Body Shop Manager – Caliber Collision
William Zacny	Insurance Appraiser – State Farm Insurance Co. (Retired)
Will Jones	Student Representative

Carpentry

Ed Christy	Union Carpenter – Intech Construction
Perry Dovberg	Specialty Contractor – PMD Construction LLC
Paul Geppert	Building Materials – William A. Geppert Inc.
Joseph Jacquelin	Finish Carpenter – Jacquelin Construction
Matt Piotrowski	Architect – Matthew V. Piotrowski, Architect LLC
Fred Poffarl	General Contractor Residential – FH Poffarl Building Construction
Mike Thornton	Renovations & Remodeling – Thornton's Carpentry Service
Thomas Haring	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
Shane Martin	Salon Leader/Stylist – Hair Cuttery
Brett Sauder	Owner/Hair Stylist – Taire Hair Salon Inc.
Kysha Woods	Private Salon Owner – Lux Lab Philly/ Keith Media Agency
Evangelina Buonopane	Student Representative

Culinary Arts

Earl Arrowood	Full-Service Restaurant – Bucks County Community College (Retired)
Tim Barth	Grocery/Executive Chef – Wegmans Food Market
Irvin R. Boyd	Baking and Pastry – Bredenbeck's Bakery
Benjamin Burger	Catering/Executive Chef – Philadelphia Cricket Club
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
Peter Salemno	Sales/Distribution – R.L. Spices
John Wagner	Catering/Executive Chef – Sunnybrook Golf Club
Jon Waxman	Fast Food Industry – Lee's Hoagie House
Jack Thomas	Student Representative

OCCUPATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES 2025-2026

Design, Photography, and Illustration

Beth Brodovsky	Graphic Design – Iris Creative Group
Katrina Clowers Taylor	Former Student Rep – Dirty Laundry
Caitlyn Flatery	Supervisor, Arts Administration – Delaware County Community College
Macy Zhelyazkova	Commercial Illustration – Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia
Morgan Monte	Student Representative
Alex Gagnon	Student Representative

Electrical Technology

Phil Candando	Electrical Contractor #4 Owner – Phil's Electric, LLC.
Joe Farrington	Electrical Contractor #2 - J.F. Electric, Inc.
Fred Fox	Facilities Manager – EASTERN
Kenneth Lynch	Municipality Technician – Abington Township
Francis McDade	Trade Organization 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
Molly Smith	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
Daniel Rosney	Assistant Professor – Temple University
Matt Seabrook	Director – Strive Physical Therapy
Morgan Kelly	Student Representative



Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning

Nicholas F. Ciasullo III	Plumbing & Heating Wholesaler – Ferguson Supply
Kate Duffey	HVAC Manager – D.E. Duffey & Sons
Mark Goodman	HVAC Mechanic/Plumber – R.F. Fager Supply
Joe Mooney	Residential and A/C Contractor – J.A. Smith
Charles Olbrish	HVAC Contractor – 215 Home Comfort
Kevinson Shulski	Former Student Representative– S&H Heating and Air Conditioning
Harry Squares	Commercial Heating and A/C Contractor – S&H Heating and Air Conditioning
Nelson Vegas	Heating and A/C Contractor – Vegas HVAC
Christian Melnick	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 – Montgomery County Community College
Michael Landi	PC Hardware/Software Support – Temple University
Bill Rosenbaum	Network Security – Swarthmore College
Paul Smith	Network Security – CSL Behring/ Temple University
World Diana Codio	Student Representative

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.
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
David Phillips	Student Representative

Robotics and Automated Technology

Rick Bailey	Chief Technical Officer – Axiom Towers
Jamie Bretz	Post-Secondary Education – Montgomery County Community College
Bob Bristow	Product Manager – Honeywell (Retired)
Neil Goldberg	Engineer – USDA (Retired), Freelance
Rebecca Gushue	Regional HRM – Geodis Freight Forwarding
Stephen Maund	Owner and CEO – Demco Automation
Xiao M Song	Education – Widener University
Leila Johnson	Student Representative

Veterinary Science

Aime Berman	Medical Director – Montgomery County SPCA
Maureen Christiansen	Veterinary Technician – Montgomery County SPCA
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
Fox Cavanaugh	Student Representative

Welding Technology

Steve Catherman	Welding Engineer – Rhoads Industries Inc.
Ricky Collins	Welding Instructor – SEPTA
Matthew Donnelly	Welder – City Sign
Neil Goldberg	Welding Engineer – USDA (Retired), Freelance
James Haimovitz	Instructor – Middle Bucks Institute of Technology
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.
Michael Lucas	Student Representative





FINANCE

Fiscal responsibility remains a cornerstone of EASTERN's operations. Each year, the administration develops a comprehensive budget that supports the Secondary, Continuing Education, and Practical Nursing programs while ensuring responsible stewardship of public and program-generated resources.

EASTERN's secondary budget supports 17 career and technical education programs that prepare students for college and career success. Many programs offer opportunities for dual enrollment through partnerships with Montgomery County Community College and Pennsylvania College of Technology, as well as participation in registered pre-apprenticeship programs that strengthen school-to-career pathways.

The development of the secondary budget is guided by EASTERN's Articles of Jointure and Board policies, which limit annual expenditure increases to align with the average budget growth of the participating school districts except under extraordinary circumstances. EASTERN also carefully monitors the annual Act 1 Index, which serves as an important benchmark for school district budget planning throughout Pennsylvania.

Postsecondary programs, including Continuing Education and Practical Nursing, operate under Board Policy G102, which requires that these programs be supported through revenue sources other than participating school districts. Funding is generated through student tuition, employer contracts, state subsidies, and customized training services.

The Continuing Education Department provides workforce development opportunities for business, industry, and community members through apprenticeship programs, extension courses, seminars, and contract training. These offerings help address regional workforce needs while supporting lifelong learning.

The Practical Nursing Program is governed by the Joint Operating Committee, which establishes tuition rates and faculty compensation. Administration is responsible for ensuring that all postsecondary programs remain financially sustainable through external revenue sources while continuing to provide high-quality educational opportunities.

Overall, EASTERN remains committed to maintaining a balanced, sustainable financial structure that supports student success, workforce development, and responsible management of resources.

Budgeted Revenues

	2024 – 2025 Budget	2025 – 2026 Budget
Secondary	$10,100,204	$10,489,062
Practical Nursing	$1,876,057	$1,917,009
Continuing Education	$143,513	$134,918
Grand Totals	**$12,119,774**	**$12,540,989**

Budgeted Expenses

	2024 – 2025 Budget	2025 – 2026 Budget
Instruction	$6,380,348	$6,964,650
Support Services	$5,678,590	$5,496,924
Operation of Non-Instructional Services	$33,336	$51,915
Facilities of Acquisition Construction, and Improvement Services	$15,000	$15,000
Other Expenditures and Financing Uses	$12,500	$12,500
Grand Totals	**$12,119,774**	**$12,540,989**



EASTERN Staff

Staff Photo (left to right)

Bottom row: Amy Mednick, Meghan Cicchino, Amy Shields

6th row: Vince Bevivino, Veronica Stanley, Rebecca Ashworth, Elissa Johnson, Greg Shields, Linda McAlpine, Robert Beck

5th row: Tamika Perez, Gerry Rooney, Fred Fox, Dr. Cathleen Plesnarski, Joe Greb, Lou Geld, Will Morales, Kyle Maurer, Michael Raggi

4th row: Marketa Crane, Ben Vozzo, Katie Braun, Allison Latzo, Nicole Abruzzi, Trisha Simmler-Totaro, Steve Parke

3rd row: Michele Smink, Charlie Zachmann, Hayley Granacher, Elena Hays, Colleen Gedraitis, Marge Burman, Susan Zarzatian, Shelley Helm, Gary Felmey, Mike Refsnider, Wendy Leyden

2nd row: Daphne Johnson, Jenn Rubin, Michele Zimmerman, Ken Miller, Susan Shelley, Marta Mecray, Kyle Jacoby, Shannon Lavelle, Doug Wilson

Back row: Nicole Suanlarm, Will Shorter, Erin Derby, Brian Jacoby, Will Soleau, Jeff Pakula, Mike Tramontina, Karen McGeehan



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Business Manager – Katie Braun

Director of Practical Nursing Program – Dr. Ken Molczan

Technology Manager – Lou Geld

Continuing Education Supervisor – Leon Thurlow

Marketing and Recruitment Coordinator – Amy Shields



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Protective Services • Robotics and Automated Technology
Veterinary Science • Welding Technology