

5 DECA STUDENTS RECEIVE INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

6/11/15

East DECA received word last week five of their international competitors received industry certifications in financial literacy and hospitality. These five students earned the certification by achieving a score of 70% or better on their international exam in the respective industry.

Financial Literacy Certification: DECA members who took the Financial Literacy Exam at ICDC and scored at least 70% will be eligible for w!se's Financial Literacy Certification. According to DECA's records, the following members from Pennsylvania are eligible for the Financial Literacy Certification:

10th grader: Cameron Cancelliere—Personal Financial Literacy

Certified Guest Services Professional (CGSP) Certification: Through a new partnership with the American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute (AHLEI). DECA members who took the Hospitality and Tourism Cluster Exam at ICDC and scored at least 70% will be eligible for AHLEI's Certified Guest Services Professional Certification. According to DECA's records, the following members from Pennsylvania are eligible for the Certified Guest Services Professional Certification:

TTDM PA Travel and Tourism: 12 Feinberg, Allyssa

TTDM PA Travel and Tourism: 12 Hager, Holly

RFSM PA Restaurant and Food Service: 12 Stiebritz, Madalyn

RFSM PA Restaurant and Food Service: 10 Svelling, Hannah

WEST CHESTER SENIOR STRINGS ACCOMPLISHMENT

6/3/15

Congratulations goes out to the West Chester Senior Strings, under the direction of Charles dePasquale!



On May 30, they participated in the Hershey Music in the Parks competition, where they not only won the First Place Trophy, in the string orchestra category, but they received a Superior Rating, with a Perfect Score of 200 out of 200 possible points! This score was the highest score awarded for the entire competition, over all the Orchestras, Bands & Choirs, that were there! The next highest score

was 182.50.

In addition, they were presented the Best Overall Orchestra trophy, out of all the competing orchestra categories!

ACADEMIC TEAM SUCCESSES

6/1/15



Both the varsity and JV teams competed in the National Academic Competition this past weekend in Alexandria, VA. Both teams played very well and BOTH teams placed second in their respective divisions! That places both teams in the top 6 teams of the nation in their respective divisions! This is the best overall showing of East teams EVER in the National tournament!

Both teams are pictured as one big group.

First row: Katie Foss, Sydney Towell, Kathryn Berman, Grace Kier, Kee Harish, Andrew Cheng, Josh Donovan

Second row: Louis Fillman, Kevin Diestelow, Stanley Timson, Aaron Hartman, Philip Mathew, Joe Mariani, Kevin Johnson, Sam D'Amore

Third row: Edan Mobed, Rohit Goyal, Jon McKellar, Matt Heeb, Charlie Porter, Charlie Barton

SUMMER READING 2015

5/28/15

Click the link below for English and Social Studies summer reading selections and supplementary materials.

<http://ehsvikingslibrary.weebly.com/summer-reading.html>

STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY

5/22/15

Congratulations to 11th grader Anne Pena and 12th grader Joleen Fanelli, who were recently inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at TCHS. Click [here](#) to read an article about the induction ceremony.

STUDENT IS CHAMPION HORSE RIDER

5/20/15

11th grader Emily VonUrff recently returned to the national horse riding circuit in the Junior 3/3' Division. She placed Champion at all of her recent competitions in the past 4 weeks: Kimberton Hunt at Radnor, Garden State Horse Show in Sussex County NJ, and Old Salem Horse Show in Old Salem, NY.

ELLS BUILD SPEAKING AND LISTENING SKILLS BY ENGAGING IN FUN ACTIVITIES

5/11/15

English Language Learners at East High School regularly engage in speaking and listening exercises to build these skills. It's also an opportunity for students to have fun by moving around the classroom, using their hands, and getting to know their classmates better. In one exercise, students surveyed multiple classmates about their clothing preferences, and marked their answers on a survey form. Thus, students had several opportunities to ask questions and answer them.

In a second activity, which was also a team building activity, one student on a team secretly built a model out of wooden blocks. That student then verbally relayed the composition to the next teammate. Then, that teammate relayed the directions about how to build the model to the last teammate. The last teammate built the model, and the team compared it to the original model to see if it matched. The teams worked well together, and were quite competitive about this activity, which generated an interesting debate!



VIKING WITH PRIDE AWARD WINNERS

5/7/15

Congratulations to the students and the instructional assistant pictured below, who were recently recognized as "Vikings with Pride". Sponsored by the PTO twice per school year, the award recognizes those who "demonstrate the ideals of character and commitment that exemplify the *"spirit"* of West Chester East High School".

(L to R): Donna Mazzola, Bastian Ainsley, Culver Hughes, Holly Hager, Kristen Blackman, Jackie Saddic, and Hannah Erfle.



STUDENTS PERFORM AT GIFTED EDUCATION CONFERENCE

5/6/15

Gavin Bond, Alex Chen, and Ajmain Hossain performed at the Pennsylvania Association of Gifted Education (PAGE) Conference at Villanova Conference Center on Friday, May 1.



ACADEMIC TEAM PLACES 2ND IN PA

5/4/15



Congratulations to the EHS Academic Team! They placed 2nd in the PA State Championships! In a very tight final match, EHS lost to reigning champs, Downingtown East by a score of 100 to 85; Emmaus placed third with a score of 60.

Please congratulate the following effort: Joe Mariani, captain, Kee Diestelow, Charlie Barton, Andrew Heeb, Kim Hunt, Charlie Porter, Stanley Timson, Philip Mathew (Not pictured: Rohit Goyal, Jon McKellar, and Aaron Hartman)

team members for a great Harish, Kevin Cheng, Josh Donovan, Matt

By winning the CCIU League championship and placing 2nd in the state, the team has earned \$2500 in scholarship monies for EHS.

DECA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

5/1/15

The East DECA students have returned from the international conference in Orlando with one finalist, **Sravya Basvapatri, 9th grade**, in Principles of Business Management. Each student competed against 200 students in their category. The students were wonderful travelers and great ambassadors for East High School. Pictured below are Sravya, Mrs. Lill, DECA Adviser, along with Julia Sabrick, a senior who served as the PA State Historian this year, and a group photo of

all East students in attendance. For more information about the trip or DECA program, visit <https://youtu.be/JLj5H1O29Mg>



STUDENTS CREATE CENTERPIECES FOR EDUCATION CONFERENCE

4/29/15

Seven students in Mrs. Bland's Gifted Education program created centerpieces for the Pennsylvania Association of Gifted Education Conference which will be held April 30 and May 1 at Villanova Conference Center. The theme for the conference is Igniting and Nurturing Potential. Kathryn Berman, Emily Bohannon, Kira Ciccarelli, Katie Foss, Olivia Sarkisian, Anna Steinmetz and Sydney Towell created various centerpieces to reflect the theme. The organizers of the conference were looking for 30 student centerpieces. East students made all 30 of the centerpieces, which will be viewed by educators and parents of gifted students from across the state.



STUDENT QUALIFIES FOR BATON TWIRLING COMPETITION

4/28/15

10th grade student Madison Nickel, a member of East's Color Guard, will compete in the Baton Twirling category at the AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) Jr. Olympics in Virginia Beach this coming August. Best of luck to her!

TECHIE'S DAY FIELD TRIP



4/27/15

Students interested in Computer Science and associated fields went to Vanguard for a Techie's Day Field Trip on Wednesday, April 22nd to learn more about related jobs in and around the Computer Science field. Teams of students met employees of Vanguard representing the many different layers and parts of their global operation. Students participated in presentations including *Cool Tech and Mobility*, *Security* (external and internal network), *Informational Technology Roles*, and *Web Site Design and Testing*.

According to 10th grader Zack Mosenson, "Vanguard's 'Techie Day' program was certainly an eye-opening experience for one who plans to enter into an IT field. I found the security presentation most informative, as it satisfies all my interests and implements hashing, an interesting way to keep safe passwords and other secure files." 9th grader Danny Lewis agreed, commenting that "learning about security and how information is protected from hackers was very informative and fun to learn about. Understanding how hackers get personal information is important to know so that we can be safe."

If anyone would like further information about computer science, or is willing to plan additional participatory experiences for our students, please contact Mr. Milt Scholl (mscholl@wcasd.net).

DECA BANQUET

4/20/15

East DECA celebrated an amazing year of leadership, competition, professional responsibilities and community service. Naomi Vora and Anna Brennan, co-presidents of east DECA, lead the officer team to restructure the banquet to focus on the accomplishments of all Deca participants within the four pillars of Deca: leadership, competition, professional responsibilities and community service. To learn more about East Deca and opportunities for your child please check out our blog: www.wceastdeca.wordpress.com



MR. EAST 2015



4/17/15

Congratulations to the newly crowned Mr. East of 2015, Drew McQuiston. All of the contestants did an outstanding job. A special thank you to Class Officers George Samuel & Jackie Saddic as well as Hannah Erfle and Anne Subach for MCing the event.



SPELLMAN HUMANITARIAN AWARD WINNERS



4/13/15

Congratulations to the ten EHS seniors who received the **Spellman Humanitarian Award**, an annual recognition of volunteerism, integrity, honesty, community service, respectfulness and responsibility.

Seated (L to R): Anna Brennan, Marie Guthrie, Juliana Schnerr, Jessica Jaramillo, Carolyn Metcalf

Standing (L to R): Julia Sabrick, Matthew Melvin, Mariah Park, Sarah Vanasse, Celine Cheng

NEWSEUM FIELD TRIP

4/10/15



Students in Mrs. Bland's gifted program attended a field trip to Newseum in Washington, DC on April 8 as an extension to a Paideia seminar. Students learned about the impact of media on our society. They attended a special lesson on civil rights and discussed the implications of the 1st Amendment in their own lives. Students are pictured in front of the Berlin Wall exhibit.

NATIONAL BUSINESS HONOR SOCIETY FIELD TRIP

4/9/15



Sometimes it's interesting to find out what's lurking in your own backyard. Thirty-seven WCASD National Business Honor Society members toured QVC on Wednesday, April 8th. The students also heard from a young employee, an alumna of Henderson High School, who shared her internship and QVC experiences. Many of the students were impressed by the size and volume of sales generated by QVC.

ONE ACTS FESTIVAL APRIL 9TH - 11TH

4/7/15

The spring One Acts Festival is running this Thursday the 9th, Friday the 10th, and Saturday the 11th at 7 pm in the EHS auditorium. All three One Acts are written, directed, produced, and acted by EHS students. Each play is about half an hour long, and all three are showing each night. Below are descriptions for all three One Acts:

***Once in a Lifetime* (written by Lauren Bruce, directed by Lauren Bruce and Caroline Bruce)**

Emily and Marcus are soul mates who meet each life time, although they are not always able to fall in love. The play occurs across 13 lifetimes, with the main characters sometimes walking away from each other without realizing their potential, sometimes meeting later in life after

they've already married other people, sometimes dying before they can fall in love, and sometimes falling in love with their true soul mate.

***Untitled* (written by Tom Iacono, directed by Tom Iacono and Alexa Ellis)**

Jack is supposed to give his younger sister Stacey a ride home from school, but he decides instead to make Stacey walk home so he can hang out with his girlfriend. While walking home from school, Stacey is hit by a car and dies. For the remainder of the play, Stacey (who is a ghost and can no longer be seen by the other characters) and Jack go through the five stages of grief together.

***Playlist* (written and directed by Liam Dorsey and Emily Von Urff)**

Emma is a junior in high school who is having the worst day of her life. She desperately wants to date the handsome jock Rory, but so does popular mean girl Bre. Emma is also frustrated with her best friends' budding romance, often feeling like a 3rd wheel. Emma survives her horrible day with the help of her favorite playlist, and the music eventually leads her to a true romance.

ACADEMIC TEAM WINS CCIU LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP



3/18/15

The WC East Academic Team won the CCIU League Championship on Tuesday, March 17th. The team took a commanding lead in the first round lead by captain Joe Mariani. The final scores: Unionville (80), Downingtown East (110), WC East (140). They will represent the Chester County IU at the State Championships on May 1st in Harrisburg.

Pictured: 1st row: Charlie Porter, Matt Heeb, Jon McKellar, (Franklin

Mint Credit Union rep), Joe Mariani, Kee Harish, Tracy Heim, (Franklin Mint rep)

2nd row: Rohit Goyal, Charlie Barton, Kevin Diestelow, Andrew Chung, Philip Mathew, Kim Hunt, Nate Schlamb

DANCE TEAM EARNS 1ST PLACE AT NATIONALS

3/18/15



The East Dance Team competed in the Reach the Beach national's competition hosted in Ocean City, Maryland on Saturday, March 14th. The team and their coach, Melissa Ryan (East Alumni) were thrilled with the girls' performance! In addition to taking top honors, the girls were also awarded a bid to the world competition. If you have any questions about East Dance Team please contact Melissa Ryan

at eastdanceteam@gmail.com. Dance Team tryouts will take place later this spring.

STUDENTS INTERVIEWED ON WCHE'S "CHALK TALK"

3/16/15



On Thursday, March 12th, Tommy Iacono and Alexa Ellis were interviewed on WCHE's monthly "Chalk Talk". The students were interviewed by Tracey Dukert, the district's Digital Communications Director. Tommy, Alexa and two students from Rustin High School were invited to speak about their recent experiences in the Broadway Musicals. As you know, East Theatre Company presented "Back to the 80's!" at the end of February and Tommy and Alexa reflected on all the hard work, rehearsal time and fun that goes into being a part of such a large production. They discussed everything from the audition process to the final performance on closing night. Tommy and Alexa spoke very eloquently about their musical theatre experiences throughout their four years here at

East.

NEWS FROM THE EHS HEALTH & PE DEPARTMENT

3/10/15

Since March is National Nutrition Month® sponsored annually by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, please take a moment to focus your family's attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. Below are some links from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics links to help you:

[20 Ways to Enjoy More Fruits and Vegetables](#)
[Good Nutrition Reading List](#)

Healthy Eating on the Run Power Up with Breakfast

Some students in the 9th grade Health Fitness classes are already engaged in a unit on Nutrition while others should be by the end of the month. This is perfect opportunity talk about the importance of good nutrition and to set goals as a family to eat healthier. If you need assistance with healthy choices, Registered Dieticians are the most credible sources of scientifically based food and nutrition information.

Kick Butts Day is March 18th. Please join East High School's Health & PE teacher to spread the message about the dangers of tobacco use and to end the marketing of tobacco products to youth. Students will be involved in activities reminding all of us about the dangers of tobacco use and making pledges about remaining smoke-free.

Carrie Tepper, Health and Physical Education at West Chester East, has taught aerobics in this area for over 20 years. She enjoys teaching aerobics to her high school students. Carrie says she hopes to inspire them to enjoy working out as much as she does. She currently teaches at the West Chester and Havertown LA Fitness Clubs. Katie Fehlinger, a meteorologist at Channel 3, is one of her clients who loves taking her classes. The morning show did a segment where each member had to have the morning cast perform their favorite workouts. Katie asked Carrie to teach her favorite classes, boot camp and body works. This segment aired on Monday, February 23rd, here is a link that shows that segment, <http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/video/11165574-ukee-erika-do-katies-favorite-work-out/>. Carrie said it was a great time and loved sharing her passion for health and fitness with the viewers of Channel 3!

In 10th PE, students are finishing up our badminton tournament and then we will be heading into the Fitness Center for our next unit. The students will learn many different workouts in the fitness center, and they will ultimately be able to create their own program that meets their Health and Fitness goals.



Pictured are Johnathan Thompson and Aaron Kaplan, the winners of Mr. Boyd's 8th period Badminton tournament.

PA STATE HISTORY BOWL AND BEE

3/9/15



Four EHS students traveled to Muhlenberg College to compete in the **PA State History Bowl and Bee** on Sunday, March 8th. The team was composed of Joe Mariani (12), Kevin Diestelow (10), Edan Mobed (10) and Sreyas Chacko (9).

These four men competed against a very strong field of competitors from all over PA and from as far away as Connecticut. They ended the five morning rounds, 4-1.

They went on to win the Quarter-finals and the Semi-finals. In the finals they faced an equally strong team from Emmaus (their only loss from the morning rounds). The outcome wasn't clear until the last question! Emmaus pulled out the victory, 280-270. So, we placed **2nd** in the PA State History Bowl.

All four young men competed in the individual History Bee contest. Kevin made it into the JV finals; Joe made it into the varsity finals and **WON!** Joe has competed in the History Bee for four years, winning the Bee for three of them! He is pictured here with his medal.

ACADEMIC TEAM WINS QUIZ BOWL COMPETITION

3/2/15



The Varsity and JV Academic Teams took first and second place (out of 40 teams) in the Conestoga Valley High School (Lancaster County) Quiz Bowl XXIII. This is the second year in a row that East has won this competition. The final match featured East Varsity vs. East JV. In a close match, the Varsity managed to edge out their fellow teammates 170 to 125.

Click [here](#) to read a Lancaster Online article and watch a video clip from the competition.

The JV team members were: Grace Kier, Louis Fillman, Ajmain Hossain, Edan Mobed, and Sreyas Chacko

The Varsity team members were: Joe Mariani, Kee Harish, Rohit Goyal, and Kevin Diestelow.

DECA - 25 STUDENTS ADVANCE TO INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

3/2/15

This past week 135 East DECA students attended the state competition in Hershey, PA. These students competed in individual, team or written project events which all required a role play or oral presentation component. The students were wonderful ambassadors for East High School and won many awards. **25** students placed for the international conference in Orlando, **5** students were finalists and **24** students were recognized for high test or high role play scores.