



Educational News

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Elvin Cruz, a Springfield Township High School senior, is the January 2021 Student of the Month at Eastern Center for Arts and Technology (EASTERN) in Willow Grove. Elvin is being recognized for his outstanding work in EASTERN's Collision Repair Technology program. The Student of the Month Award is sponsored by EASTERN's faculty, Joint Operating Committee and the Willow Grove Rotary Club to highlight student excellence, success and service. Ten students each year are selected for this honor.

Elvin moved to Springfield Township in 2019 and was pleased to find that attending a career and technical program at EASTERN was an opportunity available to him. Prior to attending Springfield Township High School and EASTERN, Elvin attended W.B. Saul High School of Agricultural Sciences where he studied Horticulture and was a member of the National Student Vocational Agricultural Organization. Starting at EASTERN, Elvin chose the Automotive Technology program, but he quickly found that Collision Repair Technology merged his two greatest interest – cars and custom design painting.

At EASTERN, Elvin was chosen by his Collision Repair Technology Instructor, Mr. Steve Parke, to attend the Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) Fall Leadership conference both his junior and senior year. He is an active member of SkillsUSA, EASTERN's Student Leadership program, and credits the program for teaching him valuable leadership skills. He works part-time at Arnold's Family Fun Center where he operates rides and supervises children. Elvin has participated in two teen ministry mission trips: Haiti and Mississippi.

"Elvin is extremely dedicated to education," said Steve Parke, EASTERN's Collision Repair Technology Instructor. "He pushes himself each day to be focused and helpful to others. I am very proud of him for being selected as the January Student of the Month, and I cannot wait to see where his postsecondary education and career take him."

After graduation from Springfield High School and EASTERN, he plans to attend Syracuse University majoring in Architecture. Ultimately, he would like to own his own company.

EASTERN is a public school serving students in nine Eastern Montgomery County school districts. Those districts include Abington, Bryn Athyn, Cheltenham, Hatboro-Horsham, Jenkintown, Lower Moreland, Springfield, Upper Dublin and Upper Moreland. Students benefit from specialized career programs that give them a competitive edge in college or in a career. The campus is at 3075 Terwood Road in Willow Grove. For more information, please call Amy Shields, Marketing and Recruitment Coordinator, at 215-784-4806, or visit the school's website at www.eastech.org. Become a fan on Facebook – www.facebook.com/EasternCenter, and follow us on Twitter @EasternCenter.

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