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ETSU VETERANS UPWARD BOUND

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VUB Summer Semester Information and Instructions

Page three of the newsletter contains the VUB 2021 Summer Semester schedule of classes. As part of the national response to the coronavirus outbreak, most ETSU employees are now working from home, but we're still ready to serve you. All of our pre-college classes are now taught online using Comfit®, Khan Academy®, or our YouTube® channel but they still contain all the pre-college class opportunities for most

veterans to prepare for entrance into and success in a postsecondary program.

We will continue to offer Math and English tutoring for those who need to brush up on their basic skills.

We also provide tutoring using Comfit® online tutoring system for those who need additional preparation before taking the college assessment and placement exam.

Computer Skills class and other pre-college classes meet online once a week for the nine-week semester.

Check out the schedule on page three and contact any VUB staff member if you have questions or to register for classes/tutoring.

If you are already enrolled in college, keep us informed of your progress. Call if you need help, and let us know if you change your address or phone number.

SAEOPP Scholarship Winner



(L-R) John P. Townsend, Greg Stout

Congratulations to John P. Townsend, Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) participant, and ETSU sophomore, for winning the 2020-2021 Southeastern Association of Education Opportunity Program Personnel (SAEOPP) Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

John entered the Navy in 1991, where he honorably served, progressed in rank, and received several military awards including the National Defense Service Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with the Bronze Star, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. On May 3,

1995, he was honorably discharged.

John heard about VUB from the Disabled American Veterans Program and joined in April 2017, for assistance in preparing for and applying to college. He was administered academic assessments, tutoring, financial aid information, and college entrance assistance. He was very receptive to the information and followed through with all the requirements and suggestions provided.

John quickly became college-ready and entered ETSU spring 2018. He is working on a BS in Geosciences with an emphasis in Paleontology and hopes to start a Master of Science in Geosciences in the future if he can find the financial support.

John began college with determination, a positive attitude, and success. The VUB staff agree that he is one of the most capable, intelligent, determined, and cooperative participants within VUB. He is an energetic, enthusiastic, and goal-oriented individual who is an inspiration. John is commended for his contributions to VUB and for winning the SAEOPP Scholarship.

VUB's Summer 2021 Postsecondary Enrollment

<u>East Tennessee State University</u>		<u>Northeast State Community College</u>	
Michael Dublin	Army/NC-ANG	Nathan Dunn	Navy
Ryan Galyon	Air Force	Bernard Wilson	Navy
Heather Kinnaman	Navy	<p>Congratulations to these fine veterans who have prepared well and have taken the wise step forward and upward by entering a postsecondary program. We thank you for your service and the sacrifices you have made and will continue to make.</p>	
Brooke Mullins	Marine Corps Reserve		
Karen Daniel	Navy/Naval Reserve		
<u>University of Phoenix</u>			
Nicholas Burger	Marine Corps		

New Office



We hope this newsletter finds you and yours well and safe. We know it has been a difficult year and many of us have found ourselves in rather difficult and unfamiliar situations, but we would like to send out a message of hope to all participants. We are still here to help each of you in whatever way we can.

We would also like to take this time to inform everyone that Veterans Upward Bound's main office has moved to a new location on the main campus

of East Tennessee State University. Our offices are now located in the lowest level of Rogers-Stout Hall in suite 001. Our satellite locations will not be affected and as always, we are happy to meet our participants at any convenient location. We also want everyone to know that our move to the main campus will not affect those who are attending or want to attend other schools.

To ensure a safe and easy transition, we ask that you call and make an appointment so we can plan your visit. We will have a temporary parking pass available so you can park near our offices. Of course, ETSU asks that you wear a mask and observe the other guidelines outlined in the university's COVID policy. If you have any questions, please call 423-439-2281.



Help us serve you! We are working harder to stay connected to our veterans. Make sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for important updates.

Facebook: ETSU Veterans Upward Bound

Instagram: @vubetsu

Twitter: Veterans Upward Bound @ETSU@UpwardVeterans



EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY VETERANS UPWARD BOUND
VUB 2021 SUMMER SEMESTER : APRIL 26 - JUNE 25
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF CLASSES/TUTORING (ETSU Main Campus / VA Campus)

***Our Online ComFit Tutorial Software is available anytime, anywhere!**

ComFit provides online tutorials for students to refresh math, reading, and writing. The program focus is primarily on three core subjects that contribute to academic success: language fluency/writing, reading comprehension, and math.

Contact Seth Proffitt for access. proffittb@etsu.edu | 423-439-5004

CLASSES

COMPUTER SKILLS

Consists of Windows 2010, MS Word, Internet & E-mail
 Monday/Wednesday ~ 9:00-10:30 / 2:30-4:00

INTRO TO THE ACTIVE PRACTICE OF STATISTICS

Tuesday ~ 1:30-3:30

LITERATURE/STUDY SKILLS

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Thursday ~ 9:00-12:00

SCIENCE *Includes physics, chemistry, earth science*
 Wednesday ~ 1:30-3:30

TUTORING

MATHEMATICS THRU PRECALCULUS

ENGLISH

COMPUTER SKILLS

Monday through Friday ~ Flexible Time

Call the VUB office to arrange date & time.

OFF ETSU JOHNSON CITY / VA CAMPUS CLASSES *(Dates/times may be adjusted to meet student needs)*

ETSU KINGSPORT-ALLANDALE

COMPUTER SKILLS I

Tuesday ~ 9:00 - 10:30

COMPUTER SKILLS II

Tuesday ~ 10:30 - 12:00

ENGLISH/MATH TUTORING

Tuesday ~ TBD

BRISTOL PUBLIC LIBRARY

COMPUTER SKILLS/ENGLISH/MATH

Tuesday ~ TBD

ETSU NAVE CENTER ELIZABETHTON

COMPUTER SKILLS

ENGLISH

MATH

Monday/Wednesday ~ 5:30 - 9:30

**JOHNSON COUNTY EXTENDED
SERVICE CENTER**

COMPUTER SKILLS

ENGLISH/MATH

Wednesday ~ 4:30 - 7:30

Consult a VUB staff member at (423) 439-2281 to register for classes/tutoring or if you have any questions.

DATES TO REMEMBER

VUB Summer 2021 Semester ~ April 26 – June 25

Memorial Day ~ May 31 (Offices Closed)

VUB Fall 2021 Semester ~ September 7 – November 12

Financial Literacy Information

The lack of financial literacy among veterans in America is one of many reasons for homelessness in the veterans population. The following article can be found at <https://benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/financial-literacy/financial-education.pdf#>. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA Resources for Financial Education

Whether you're newly transitioning from military service or have been out for years, civilian life requires financial smarts. VA offers a wide variety of resources to help Veterans, Service members and families get smart about their financial lives at every stage of the military life-cycle. A good understanding of the resources available to you—along with the development of healthy financial habits—can add up to a lifetime of economic well-being for you and your family.

Mortgage Delinquency Assistance

If you are encountering problems making timely mortgage payments, contact your loan servicer as soon as possible. Servicers want to help—and depending on a Veteran's specific situation, they can offer several options to avoid foreclosure. For assistance with your mortgage delinquency, view this fact sheet at https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/documents/docs/foreclosure_avoidance_fact_sheet.pdf.

For Veterans in serious financial trouble, VA Regional Loan Centers have technicians available to conduct financial counseling. This counseling is designed to help you avoid foreclosure. If you want this assistance, call 1-877-827-3702 to reach a Loan Service Representative who can assist you.

Beneficiary Financial Counseling Service and Online Will Preparation for SGLI, TSGLI, FSGLI and VGLI Beneficiaries

Have you received a claim payment from the SGLI (Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance), TSGLI (SGLI Traumatic Injury Protection Program), FSGLI (Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance), or VGLI (Veterans' Group Life Insurance) program? You may qualify for free financial counseling and online will preparation services. For more information go to: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/insurance/bfcs.asp>. You can also view, download, and print a PDF brochure about the service here: https://www.benefits.va.gov/INSURANCE/forms/BFCS_BrochureSGLI_VGLI.pdf.

Fiduciary Services

VA's Fiduciary Program was established to protect Veterans and other beneficiaries who, due to injury, disease, or age, are unable to manage their financial affairs. A fiduciary is a trusted person vetted and appointed by VA who oversees financial management of VA benefit payments on behalf of the beneficiary. To learn more, visit <https://www.benefits.va.gov/fiduciary/>.

Services for Homeless Veterans

Veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness—and their family members, friends and supporters—can make the call to or chat online with the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans, where trained counselors are ready to talk confidentially 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Make the Call to 1-877-4AID VET (877-424-3838). For more information on VA services for homeless Veterans, visit: https://www.va.gov/homeless/for_homeless_veterans.asp.

Veterans Upward Bound is a unique program designed to assist eligible veterans to prepare for entering and succeeding in a program of postsecondary education. VUB has operated successfully at ETSU since 1980 helping hundreds of veterans achieve their educational goals. Through academic counseling, advising, encouraging, motivating, providing basic skill and short-term remedial and refresher courses, assisting veterans in securing support services from other locally available resources such as the Veterans Administration, state veterans agencies, veteran associations, and other state and local agencies that serve veterans, VUB has been an important program in the lives of many veterans.

Take advantage of the many benefits VUB has to offer.

Check us out on the web! www.etsu.edu/vub

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