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ETSU VETERANS UPWARD BOUND

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VUB Fall Semester: Information and Instructions

Beginning with the Fall Semester we will offer our pre-college preparation classes in a two-session format. Each session will be five weeks in length with a one-week intersession. This new format will allow more flexibility in choosing classes, more preparation time for those who need it, and an opportunity for a quicker preparation for college entrance.

Our Fall Semester tentative schedule is on page three with dates, times, classes offered, and locations. Please review the schedule and consult with one of the VUB staff members if you

have any questions. A few changes may be necessary in class dates, times, and locations but we will keep it to a minimum.

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

Follow the instructions at the bottom of page three to register for our pre-college classes. You may register by phone, by e-mail, or you may remove the page, fold it so that the VUB address is on the outside, staple/tape it and mail it to us not later than

August 31, 2006.

Please note that if you register for VUB Fall Semester classes you are invited to attend our orientation program which will be held on September 6, 2006, in ETSU's Main Meal Private Dining Room on the third floor in the D.P. Culp Center at 5:30 P.M. The orientation is an opportunity to learn more about the program, meet VUB staff and instructors, register for additional classes and to ask questions.

National Association of Veterans Upward Bound Project Personnel (NAVUBPP) Scholarship Winner



Two years ago truck driver Mike Krohn stopped in at the Veterans Upward Bound office at East Tennessee State University in Kingsport to prepare himself to enter Northeast State Technical Community College. To date he has won two scholarships worth \$900 and achieved a perfect GPA of 4.0 (all A's) on his way to a Bachelor's Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology.

After four years of service in the Army, and non-rewarding employment, Mike had been out of school for twenty years and admitted possible difficulties in English, math and science. He was placed in the pre-college preparation classes for two semesters and he not only earned an "A" in each class completed, but he also raised his achievement and proficiency in these subjects to college level. He says Veterans

Upward Bound helped him build his self-confidence and to overcome the intimidating collegiate environment. He also says that the program helped him open doors to life-changing experiences. Mike believes that no matter what challenges lie ahead, he has been given the basic skills and hardened confidence to get ahead.

Mike helps other veterans by leading seminars planned to help them qualify for financial aid to continue their educations and to be successful in post-secondary programs. He believes leading seminars is more rewarding than "driving semis".

This is the second year in a row that an ETSU Veterans Upward Bound participant has won a NAVUBPP scholarship. The VUB staff congratulates Mike on his outstanding accomplishments!

We can do anything we want if we stick to it long enough.

Helen Keller

WELCOME HOME 278th



After more than a year of training in Mississippi, California, and combat duty in Iraq, the citizen/soldiers of the 278th Armored Cavalry have returned to east Tennessee to resume their civilian roles. After their active duty, many of the National

Guard members have returned as Veterans of the United States Armed Forces and now qualify for benefits authorized by the Defense Department. One of those benefits is service of the Veterans Upward Bound Program, administered thru East Tennessee State University. Pictured (at left) is Bobby Westbrook, Counselor in the program, talking with veterans of the 278th after making a presentation about the program to an assembled group of the unit.

Welcome home members of the 278th. Veterans Upward Bound is ready to assist with career information and planning, academic assessment and training so that veterans can continue their formal educations. Special assistance about obtaining

financial aid to pay for additional education and how to be successful in academic programs are examples of services offered. More information about the program can be obtained by calling 1.877.260.0043.

Even the woodpecker owes his success to the fact that he uses his head and keeps pecking away until he finishes the job he starts.

Coleman Cox

YUB Fall Semester Session 1 ~ Sept. 11th-Oct. 12th

YUB Fall Semester Session 2 ~ Oct. 23rd - Nov. 21st

Orientation ~ Wed., Sept. 6th ~ 5:30 p.m. ~ ETSU Culp Center Private Dining Room

Fall Break ~ Oct 16-20 (No Classes)

College Success/Financial Aid Workshops ~ Thu., Oct 5th ~ 3:00 p.m. ~ Brown 364

Study Skills Workshop ~ Thu., Oct. 19th ~ 5:30-7:00 p.m. ~ Rogers-Stout 328

Thanksgiving Holiday ~ Nov. 23-24 (Offices Closed)

College Success/Financial Aid Workshops ~ Wed., Nov. 15th ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ Rogers-Stout 122

YUB Annual Banquet ~ Thu., Dec. 7th ~ 5:30 p.m.

First Graduate of Veterans Upward Bound's Spanish for High School Credit Program

Submitted by: Carl Cole

Congratulations to Air Force retired veteran Susann Burniston from Mountain City, Tennessee for being the first Veterans Upward Bound student to complete the VUB Spanish for High School Credit Program. Susann retired April 1, 2002, and first enrolled in the program in August 2003. She completed the program August 2006 and will receive a high school transcript from Carter County School system to show proof of her completion of two years of high school foreign language.

You might ask, why did she need this transcript? In Tennessee, to graduate from any Community College or for those seeking a B.A. from any public four-year college or university, two years of foreign language (same language) is re-

quired to be taken in high school. Anyone who fails to meet this requirement and then decides to attend college, has to take the two semesters of freshman college foreign language to satisfy the high school deficiency. Since this program is free to veterans, in some cases, this could save up to six hours of college tuition. Also, taking a college-level foreign language could possibly delay college graduation.

On July 28, 2003, Veterans Upward Bound and Carter County Adult High School in Elizabethton entered an agreement where VUB students could enroll and earn high school credit in Spanish to satisfy high school foreign language deficiencies. Depending on the students' needs, they can earn one or two credits of high school Spanish. After completing the necessary requirements, the veteran receives a high school transcript from

Carter County as proof of completion.

Don't think you have to complete this program before you enroll in college. It is designed in such a way that a student can be dually enrolled in college and the Spanish for High School Credit Program. The only requirement by Tennessee is that you must have the high school deficiency completed before college graduation occurs. So check us out. The class meets every Saturday morning from 9 – Noon at the ETSU Nave Center in Elizabethton. Congratulations again, Susann, for being our first graduate. Well done!

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY VETERANS UPWARD BOUND

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FALL 2006 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

SESSION 1 (SEPT. 11—OCT. 12) / SESSION 2 (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

Wed., Sept. 6th ~ Fall Orientation at 5:30 (D.P. Culp Private Dining Room)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
3:00-4:30	PROB/STATISTICS Rogers-Stout 229 <i>Introduction to probability & statistics. Topics include distribution, correlation, hypothesis testing, relationships, etc.</i>		PROB/STATISTICS Rogers-Stout 229	COLLEGE SUCCESS/ FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS Oct 5 th ~ 3:00-4:00 Brown 364
4:00-5:20	COMPUTER SKILLS (Sessions 1 & 2) Brown 264 <i>Consists of Windows 2000, MS Word, Internet & E-mail</i>	SCIENCE Brown 264 <i>Includes physics, chemistry & earth science</i>	COMPUTER SKILLS (Sessions 1 & 2) Brown 264	SCIENCE Brown 264
4:00-5:30	ENGLISH II (CLEP) Rogers-Stout 402 <i>Advanced English with emphasis on writing</i>	ENGLISH I (COL PREP) Rogers-Stout 402 <i>Mechanics of English including grammar, punctuation, spelling, composition & vocabulary</i>	ENGLISH II (CLEP) Rogers-Stout 402	ENGLISH I (COL PREP) Rogers-Stout 402
5:30-7:00	ADV. COMPUTER SKILLS (Session 2 only) Brown 264 <i>Consists of Adv. Word & Excel: Approval of instructor required</i>	LITERATURE Rogers-Stout 328 <i>Emphasis on reading</i>	ADV. COMPUTER SKILLS (Session 2 only) Brown 264	LITERATURE Rogers-Stout 328 --- ----- STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP Oct. 19 th ~ 5:30-7:00
5:30-8:30		MATH (BASIC) Brown 304 <i>Decimals, fractions, percentages & problem solving</i>	COLLEGE SUCCESS/ FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS Nov. 15 th ~ 6:00-7:00 Rogers-Stout 122	MATH (ADVANCED) Brown 304 <i>Factoring, rational numbers, inequalities & polynomials, etc.</i>

OFF MAIN CAMPUS CLASSES

Dates/times may be adjusted to meet student needs

OFF MAIN CAMPUS SITE	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	ROOM
SUBJECT			
ETSU Bristol English/Math/Computer Skills	Tue	TBD	103
ETSU NAVE Center Elizabethton Spanish	Sat	9:00-noon	122
ETSU Kingsport English/Math	Mon	5:00-7:00	216
Computer Skills	Mon	7:00-9:00	216
ETSU Economic Development Center Mountain City English/Math/Computer Skills	Thu	TBD	EDC

Note to VUB participants: Use this form to register for the classes you wish to enroll in this semester by circling the scheduled classes listed above and complete the block below. Please consult a VUB staff member if you have any questions or need assistance.

Please check at the left if you plan to attend the Fall Orientation at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 6 th and print your name/phone # : _____ NAME (Please Print) (PHONE NUMBER)
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Check Us Out!**

www.etsu.edu/vub

Veterans Upward Bound is a unique program designed to assist eligible veterans prepare for entering and succeeding in a program of post-secondary education. VUB has operated successfully at ETSU for almost 27 years helping hundreds of veterans achieve their educational goals. Through academic counseling, advising, encouraging, motivating, and providing basic skill and short-term remedial and refresher courses, VUB has been an important program in the lives of veterans.

**Take advantage of the many benefits
VUB has to offer.**

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