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ETSU VETERANS UPWARD BOUND

Veterans Upward Bound Voice

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VUB's Outstanding College Student of the Year

Congratulations to Rebecca Triplett for being selected as the 2006–2007 recipient of the annual VUB Polly Archer Award. This award is given at the VUB annual banquet to the most outstanding academic college student for the previous academic year.

Rebecca's performance for the 2006–2007 Academic Year was nothing short of amazing. She made the Dean's List Fall 2006 and Spring 2007 with an academic year G.P.A. of 3.832. Also, she graduated in May 2007 Magna Cum Laude with a G.P.A. of 3.75 from ETSU with her B.S. in Radiography. Her graduation and selection brought with it a \$50 cash gift, an ETSU gold keychain, patri-



otic shirt, and a certificate of accomplishment. Also, her name is engraved on the VUB Polly Archer Award Honors Plaque on permanent display at the VUB's main office at ETSU Bristol.

Following her graduation in 1995 from Sullivan East High School, she entered the U.S. Navy and served until September 2000. Rebecca joined VUB

in January 2002 and enrolled at Northeast State Technical Community College starting January 2003. As a single mother she graduated in May 2005 Cum Laude with a G.P.A. of 3.73 with her A.S. in Radiology and made the Vice-President's List every semester she was eligible. Upon completing her A.S., she enrolled at ETSU the summer of 2005 in the Radiography program. She is currently employed at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center. Rebecca, we are very proud to call you one of VUB's finest!

VUB Achiever Awarded TASP Scholarship



Mary Jane Dykes refuses to wave the white flag of surrender. She refuses to allow difficulty to deny her academic/career plan. This Navy Veteran came to VA Medical Center at

Mountain Home for health services and while under a doctor's care, began walking to nearby VUB classes on the ETSU main campus.

While participating in the VUB program, she was encouraging and mentoring other veterans to take advantages of this opportunity. Seldom was she without her carved and shellacked five-foot "walking pole" which assisted her to move about the area and it helped her open discussions regarding environmental matters. VUB assisted Mary to apply for financial aid and enroll in ETSU. Even after a lengthy housing delay, she did not abandon her personal plans.

Because of her determination to explore opportunities and services for beginning students, she began classes, and has successfully completed the first semester of her Biology major. Talent, perseverance, and determination helped her win a \$400 scholarship from the Tennessee Association of Special Programs (TASP) to continue her education.

Mary, VUB salutes YOU!

VUB Achiever Honored For Academic Success

Stewart Wayne Wells recently decided the time was right for him to launch an academic career and the VUB of ETSU was nearby to assist him to achieve his goal.



This Air Force Vet has proved his worth by earning a Communications Degree with honors from Lincoln Memorial University. While an undergraduate, Wells was selected for the Polly Archer award, given by the ETSU VUB Program for his academic achievement. LMU is proud of its graduate, and has employed him to teach undergraduate communication classes while finishing his master's degree in that area.

He is currently enrolled at Spring Arbor University in Michigan, taking on-line courses. He has completed 21 hours (4.0 G.P.A.) toward a master's in Communication and has applied for a doctoral program in Communications at the University of Tennessee.

Wells has given "Pep Talks" to other veterans to encourage them to follow their dreams. This Vet leads by example and VUB is proud of its graduate.

VUB Annual Banquet

VUB held its 27th Annual Banquet on December 6, 2007, in ETSU's D.P. Culp Center dining room. Program participants, and their guests, college achievers and graduates, supporters, and staff members attended the gala event to recognize, honor, and reward VUB participants and to celebrate another successful year. A delicious meal was served by ETSU's food service program to approximately fifty attendees.

Participants were recognized and presented with certificates of participation and Fall Semester 2007 grade reports. College placements and graduates were introduced and presented with a certificate and gifts. Scholarship winners and the Polly Archer

academic award finalists were announced. Rebecca Triplett, a recent graduate of ETSU, was the Polly Archer award winner; Matthew Dorton, a junior at ETSU, was 1st runner-up; and Michele Martin, a junior at ETSU, was 2nd runner-up.

Len Morrison, VUB Assistant Director, provided the year's progress report which included:

- ◆ all VUB yearly objectives were met or exceeded
- ◆ Students in all classes exceeded their performance goals by 18.5%

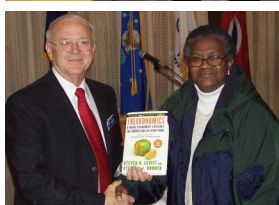
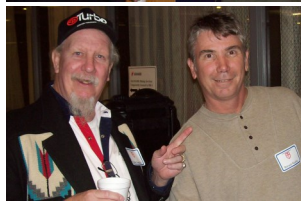
◆ Students in academic classes exceeded their performance goals by 14.2%

◆ Goals in the areas of program completion, college entrance, retention, and graduation were all exceeded

◆ The largest number of achievers (96) were enrolled in post-secondary programs during the academic year, and

◆ Since the beginning of VUB in 1980, 609 veterans have entered programs of post-secondary education

Photos of the banquet appear below.



Spring Semester Information

Page three of the newsletter contains the VUB 2008 Spring Semester schedule of classes. It is very similar to previous semesters and it contains all the pre-college class opportunities for most veterans to prepare for entrance into and be successful in a post-secondary program. Please note that some classes meet twice per week (computers, science, probability & statistics), while others meet only once per week (math, English, and literature). Also note that the semester is ten weeks in length, containing two five-week periods with a one-week break between the fifth and sixth week.

Check out the schedule and contact any VUB staff member if you have questions or need assistance. To register for classes follow the instructions at the bottom of the page. We recommend that all participants register for at least two courses so that you will re-

ceive the full benefit of the instruction and be better prepared when you enter a post-secondary program.

You may register by phone, by email, or you may remove page three, fold it so that the VUB address is on the outside, staple/tape it and mail it to us not later than January 21, 2008. There is no need for a stamp.

All participants who register for spring semester classes are invited to attend our orientation program which will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2008, at 5:00 P.M. in ETSU's Main Meal Private Dining Room on the 3rd floor of the D.P. Culp Center. We hope to see you there.

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SPRING 2008 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

SESSION 1 (28Jan–29Feb) / SESSION 2 (10Mar–11Apr)

Thu., 24Jan. Spring Orientation at 5:00 PM (D.P. Culp Private Dining Room)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
2:00-3:30	SCIENCE (Meets Mon & Wed) Brown 477 <i>Includes physics, chemistry & earth science</i>	PROB/STATISTICS (Meets Tue & Thu) Mini-Dome 205 <i>Introduction to probability & statistics. Topics include distribution, correlation, hypothesis testing, relationships, etc.</i>	SCIENCE (Meets Mon & Wed) Brown 477	PROB/STATISTICS (Meets Tue & Thu) Mini-Dome 205
3:00-5:00		ENGLISH I Rogers-Stout 302 <i>Mechanics of English including grammar, punctuation, spelling, composition & vocabulary</i>		MATH I Rogers-Stout 302 <i>Decimals, fractions, percentages & problem solving</i>
3:45-5:15		COMPUTER SKILLS I-A (Meets Tue & Thu) Brown 264 <i>Consists of Windows 2007, MS Word, Internet & E-mail</i>		COMPUTER SKILLS I-A (Meets Tue & Thu) Brown 264
4:00-7:00	LITERATURE Rogers-Stout 124 <i>Emphasis on reading</i>			
5:30-8:30		ENGLISH II Brown 304 <i>Composition of English including grammar, punctuation, spelling, composition & vocabulary</i>		MATH II 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	SUBJECT	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	ROOM
	ETSU Bristol	COMPUTER SKILLS	Wed	TBD	103
		ENGLISH/MATH	Wed	TBD	103
	ETSU Kingsport	ENGLISH/MATH	Mon	5:00-7:00	216
		COMPUTER SKILLS	Mon	7:00-9:00	216
	ETSU NAVE Center Elizabethton	COMPUTER SKILLS	Mon	6:00-8:00	122
		SPANISH	Sat	9:00-noon	122
	ETSU Economic Development Center Mountain City		Thu	TBD	EDC
		ENGLISH/MATH/COMPUTER SKILLS			

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 Spring Orientation at 5:00 p.m. on Jan 24th and print your name/phone # :

NAME (*Please Print*)

(PHONE NUMBER)



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday ~ Jan. 21 (Offices Closed)

VUB Spring Orientation ~ Thu., Jan. 24 ~ 5:00 p.m. ~ D.P. Culp Center Main Meal Private Dining Room

VUB Spring Semester Session 1 ~ Jan. 28 – Feb. 29

VUB Spring Break ~ Mar. 3-8 (No VUB classes)

VUB Spring Semester Session 2 ~ Mar. 10 – Apr. 11

Study Skills/Financial Aid/College Success Workshops:

Good Friday Holiday ~ Mar. 21 (Offices Closed)

Thu., Feb. 21 ~ 5:30-8:00 p.m. ~ Sherrod Library Room 355

VUB Summer Semester Begins Apr. 21

Wed., Mar. 26 ~ 5:30-8:00 p.m. ~ Sherrod Library Room 355

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 since 1980 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 many veterans.

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Take advantage of the many benefits VUB has to offer.



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