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Veterans Upward Bound Voice

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VUB Student Wins Third Scholarship



ETSU Veterans Upward Bound extends congratulations to Army Veteran Michelle Martin for being the recipient of the 2008 Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (SAEOPP) Scholarship. This Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 will be applied toward the 2008 Fall Semester.

The winning of this scholarship makes Michelle the recipient of three scholarships within the last year recommended by Veterans Upward

Bound. She was also awarded \$400 by the Tennessee Association of Special Programs (TASP) and \$500 by the National Association of Veterans Upward Bound Project Personnel (NAVUBPP).

Michelle, currently a senior at ETSU, is seeking a double major in Criminal Justice and Sociology and has a 3.599 G.P.A. Her goal is to become a court advocate for victims of abuse to help them protect their rights and achieve justice.

Michelle has been a rescue squad volunteer, blood donor, academic tutor for young girls, has assisted with VUB orientation and college success seminars; was first runner-up for the 2007 VUB Polly Archer Academic Award; and has qualified for the ETSU Dean's list. By achieving academic excellence, she earned her mem-

bership in the Criminal Justice Society - Alpha Phi Sigma and the Non-traditional Student Adult Honor Society - Alpha Sigma Lambda.

Besides being a full time student, Michelle is a mother of four children and a grandmother. She has often stated that she wants to be a good example for her family by continuing toward her goal of a bachelor's degree. She continually reminds everyone she meets that if it was not for Veterans Upward Bound helping to develop her confidence and strength she would not be here today accomplishing her education goals.

Congratulations and WELL DONE Michelle from all the VUB staff!!!

NAVUBPP Annual Conference

The National Association of Veterans Upward Bound Project Personnel (NAVUBPP) held its 30th annual conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 17-20, 2008. The conference was held at the Sheraton Hotel and was hosted by the Veterans Upward Bound Programs from East Central University (Ada, OK); Connors State College (Muskogee, OK); and Seminole State College (Seminole, OK.).

Attending the conference from East Tennessee State University's VUB Program were Len Morrison, Bobby Westbrook and Carl Cole.

Highlights of the conference included:

-Welcome Address by the Honorable Tom Cole, U.S. Congressman from Oklahoma's 4th District, a supporter of TRiO Programs

-Presentations by the Council for Opportunity in Education's (COE) Alvin Phillips, U.S. Department of Education's Kenneth Foushee, and U.S. Department of Labor's Archie Pierce, Kenneth Allen, and Bill Offett

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Roses are Red

Roses are red, violets are blue, just ask VUB for a "quick" career for you.

Many Veterans are interested in a career in which they can become qualified "quickly". Enclosed with this newsletter are lists of careers that veterans may qualify for in two years or less. Some of these "quick" careers require as little as three months' preparation and graduates can rapidly begin earning good salaries.

Consider Licensed Practical Nurse, Heating and Air Conditioning, Culinary Arts or Pharmacy Technician from accredited, state-supported schools in the Tri-Cities area. Check out the comprehensive listings and call the VUB counselor, Bobby Westbrook, for more information. Financial aid may also be available.

Roses are Red, Violets are Blue, and the VUB staff will HELP YOU!

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National Veterans Upward Bound Projects Personnel (NAVUBPP) Annual Conference

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- Attendance by Dr. Richard Rafes, President of East Central University, and Dr. Donnie L. Nero, President of Connors State College

- Workshops designed to educate, inspire, and provide a deeper understanding of what is required to have a successful VUB Program, and

- Veterans Upward Bound national data which show that ETSU VUB has moved from 8th to 5th place in the category of earning bachelor's degrees and from 3rd to 1st place in earning graduate degrees during the period 1999 to 2007.

Conference photos are shown below.



Tom Cole, U.S. Congressman



NAVUBPP Conference Attendees



(L) Jim Kopecky, Weber State, (R) Kenneth Foushee, U. S. Dept. of Education



Alvin Phillips, C.O.E.



(L) Ce Merrigan, (R) Leroy Chavis, VUB Directors



20+ years service awards: (L-R) Paul Rease, Sam Sarrell, Jim Kopecky, VUB Directors



10+ years service awards: (L-R) Carl Cole, Bobby Westbrook

DATES TO REMEMBER

VUB Summer Semester Session 1 ~ April 21 – May 23

VUB Summer Break ~ May 26-31 (No VUB classes)

VUB Summer Semester Session 2 ~ June 2 – June 27

Study Skills/Financial Aid/College Success Workshops:

Memorial Day Holiday ~ May 26 (Offices Closed)

Mon., April 28 ~ 4:00-7:00 p.m. ~ Sherrod Library Room 355

VUB Fall Semester Begins Sept. 8

Wed., June 11 ~ 4:00-7:00 p.m. ~ Sherrod Library Room 355

VUB Summer Semester Information

Page three of the newsletter contains the VUB 2008 Summer 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 nine weeks in length, containing one five-week period and one four-week period 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 receive 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 April 18, 2008. There is no need for a stamp.

We look forward to seeing you in the VUB Summer Semester.

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY VETERANS UPWARD BOUND

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SUMMER 2008 TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF CLASSES (21April—27 June)

SUMMER BREAK 26May-31May (No VUB Classes)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
1:00-3:00				ENGLISH I Mathes Hall 105 <i>Mechanics of English including grammar, punctuation, spelling, composition & vocabulary</i>
2:00-3:30	SCIENCE (Meets Mon & Wed) Brown Hall 477 <i>Includes physics, chemistry & earth science</i>	INTRO TO PROBABILITY & STATISTICS (Meets Tue & Thu) Mini-Dome 205 <i>Topics include distribution, correlation, hypothesis testing, etc.</i>	SCIENCE (Meets Mon & Wed) Brown Hall 477	INTRO TO PROBABILITY & STATISTICS (Meets Tue & Thu) Mini-Dome 205
3:00-5:00				MATH I Mathes Hall 105 <i>Decimals, fractions, percentages & problem solving</i>
3:45-5:15	COMPUTER SKILLS A (Meets Mon & Wed) Brown Hall 264 <i>Consists of Windows 2007, MS Word, Internet & E-mail</i>		COMPUTER SKILLS A (Meets Mon & Wed) Brown Hall 264	
4:00-7:00	LITERATURE Rogers-Stout 124 <i>Emphasis on reading</i>			
5:30-8:30		ENGLISH II Brown Hall 304 <i>Composition of English including grammar, punctuation, spelling, & vocabulary</i>		MATH II Brown Hall 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/ENGLISH	Mon	5:00-9:00	122
	SPANISH	Sat	9:00-noon	122
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.

_____ NAME (Please Print)	_____ (PHONE NUMBER)
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Take advantage of the many benefits VUB has to offer.

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