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# Veterans Upward Bound Voice

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## VUB Spring Semester Information and Instructions

Page three of the newsletter contains the VUB 2011 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 (computer skills, science, probability & statistics), while others meet only once per week (math, English, and literature). Also note that the semester is ten weeks in

length, with a spring break (March 7-11).

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. 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 January 19, 2011.

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. We have designed the schedule so that you will be able to register for up to six different classes during a four-day period without class conflicts.

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.

## Alan Koch Wins Polly Archer Academic Award



Congratulations to Alan Koch, MSgt. USMC, Retired, for being selected the 2009 – 2010 recipient of the Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) Polly Archer Award. This award is given to the most outstanding VUB college student for the past academic year's achievement at the annual Recognition Dinner. Since its creation in 1997 in honor of



Pauline Archer, the ETSU Veterans Affairs Representative who served veterans for 29 years prior to her retirement, a rigid set of academic and administrative guidelines has been followed to determine the top three candidates for the award. This year's candidates were selected from a pool of 167 VUB postsecondary students.

Alan enrolled in the VUB program in 2002 following his retirement from the Marine Corps. He attended pre-college classes in Mountain City taught by VUB instructor, Nancy Shoun. Before entering college, Alan

put his education plans on hold to answer a calling into the ministry as a full-time pastor at Cobbs Creek Baptist Church in Johnson County, TN.

Alan enrolled Northeast State Community College in the 2009 fall semester as a first-time freshman and is pursuing an Associate of Science in Philosophy and Religion. He attended all three semesters and completed 30 hours of college studies with a 4.0 GPA. He also made the President's List for the summer semester. After earning an associate degree, he plans to transfer to ETSU to complete a bachelor's degree and eventually obtain a seminary degree. He was awarded a \$50 gift card and his name was placed on the Polly Archer Award Plaque located in the VUB office.



The first runner-up was Jeremy Thompson, a USMC veteran and a part-time hazmat technician for Widener's Reloading & Shooting Supply in Johnson City. He is enrolled at ETSU and is pursuing a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies. Jeremy completed 30 hours of college studies with a 3.962 GPA and plans to attend law school.



The second runner-up was Bradford Flynn, a USAF veteran and a full-time Johnson City police officer. He is enrolled at ETSU and is pursuing a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies. Brad completed 23 hours of college studies with a 4.0 GPA and following graduation plans to seek career progression within the Johnson City Police Department. Jeremy and Brad each received a beautifully engraved ETSU key chain for their outstanding academic accomplishments.

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## VUB 30th Annual Participants Recognition Dinner



VUB held its 30th Annual Banquet on December 2, 2010, in ETSU's D.P. Culp Center dining room. Program participants and their guests, college achievers and graduates, supporters, and staff members attended the event to recognize and honor the achievement and progress of veterans who have chosen to continue their education. It was also an opportunity to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the VUB Program at ETSU and its continued success in preparing eligible veterans for entrance into and success in post-secondary programs.

Special guests attending included Ms. Polly Archer, former Veterans Affairs Coordinator for ETSU and whose name appears on VUB's Academic Achievement Award; Mr. Tom Donohoe, ETSU Associate Registrar; Mr. Jeremy Lofquest, graduate assistant in the ETSU Veterans Affairs office; Mr. Andy Price, work study student in the ETSU Veterans Affairs Office; David Egbert and Trish Caughran of the Washington County Adult Education Center; and Professor Stewart Wells from Lincoln Memorial University, a former VUB participant.

All VUB participants were recognized and presented with a



Certificate of Appreciation and their fall semester grade report. Post-secondary college placements and graduates during Project Year 2009-2010 were also recognized. The annual Polly Archer academic award candidates were introduced and the winner, Alan Koch, was announced (see article on page 1).

VUB Assistant Director, Len Morrison, provided an update on activities during the year and noted that all annual program objectives were exceeded.

More than sixty persons attended the banquet and door prizes were provided to all. It was an enjoyable conclusion to another year of service to veterans.

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## ETSU Again Named a "Military Friendly School"

*G.I. Jobs* magazine has rated East Tennessee State University in the top 15 percent of colleges and universities in the USA for being a "MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL". ETSU also sponsors Veterans Upward Bound, a federal program that has a mission to provide information to veterans about opportunities available to help them develop their vocational and academic potential. ETSU employs a Veterans Affairs Officer to assist Vets with processing their GI Bill and VA Vocational Rehabili-

tation claims. To ensure that ETSU is serving Veteran Students effectively, there is a Veterans Affairs Standing Committee made up of faculty, staff and student veterans to make sure that the university provides services that Veterans need. The Veterans Upward Bound Staff is happy to provide information and assistance to Veterans and can be reached in Room 013 of Building 2 on VAMC campus, (423) 439.2281.

**EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY VETERANS UPWARD BOUND**

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**VUB 2011 SPRING SEMESTER : JANUARY 24th—APRIL 8th**

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF CLASSES (ETSU Main Campus / VA Campus)**

	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
1:30-3:30	<b>MATH I</b> VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 <i>Decimals, fractions, percentages &amp; problem solving</i>		<b>ENGLISH I</b> VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 <i>Mechanics of English including grammar, punctuation, spelling, composition &amp; vocabulary</i>	
2:00-3:30	<b>INTRODUCTION TO PROB/STATISTICS</b> (meets Mon & Wed) Mini-Dome E 205 <i>Topics include distribution, correlation, hypothesis testing, relationships, etc.</i>	<b>SCIENCE</b> (meets Tue & Thu) Mini-Dome E 205 <i>Includes physics/chemistry/earth science</i>	<b>INTRO TO PROB/STATISTICS</b> (meets Mon & Wed) Mini-Dome E 205	<b>SCIENCE</b> (meets Tue & Thu) Mini-Dome E 205
3:45-5:15	<b>COMPUTER SKILLS</b> (meets Mon & Wed) Brown Hall 264 <i>Consists of Windows 2007, MS Word, Internet &amp; E-mail</i>		<b>COMPUTER SKILLS</b> (meets Mon & Wed) Brown Hall 264	
3:35-6:05		<b>LITERATURE</b> Brown 304 <i>Emphasis on reading</i>		
5:30-8:30		<b>ENGLISH II</b> Brown Hall 265 <i>Composition of English including grammar, punctuation, spelling, composition &amp; vocabulary</i>	<b>SPANISH</b> <i>Conversational Spanish with vocabulary and grammar emphasis</i>	<b>MATH II</b> Brown Hall 265 <i>Factoring, rational numbers, inequalities &amp; polynomials, etc.</i>

**OFF MAIN CAMPUS CLASSES** (*Dates/times may be adjusted to meet student needs*)

<b>OFF MAIN CAMPUS SITE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DAY(S)</b>	<b>TIME(S)</b>	<b>ROOM</b>
Bristol Public Library	MATH / ENGLISH	Tue	3:00-4:30/4:30-6:00P	Mtg. Room
	COMPUTER SKILLS	TBD	TBD	
ETSU Kingsport	COMPUTER SKILLS	Tue	9:00-11:00A	216
	MATH / ENGLISH	Tue	TBD	216
ETSU Nave Center Elizabethton	ENGLISH / MATH I	Mon	5:30-7:30/7:30-9:30P	122
	MATH II / COMPUTER SKILLS	Wed	5:30-7:30/7:30-9:30P	122
Johnson County Extended Service Center	ENGLISH / MATH	Wed	4:30-5:30/5:30-6:30P	
	COMPUTER SKILLS	Wed	6:30-7:30P	JCESC

*You may register by phone, by e-mail, or you may remove this page, circle the scheduled classes listed above and complete the box below, fold it so that the VUB address is on the outside, staple or tape it and mail it to us not later than January 19, 2011. Consult a VUB staff member at (423) 439-2281 if you have any questions or need assistance.*

Please print your name/phone number and check to the left if you plan to attend the Spring Orientation at 4:00 on Jan. 20.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_



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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday ~ January 17, 2011 (Offices closed)**

**VUB Spring 2011 Semester ~ January 24 – April 8**

**VUB Spring 2011 Orientation ~ Thursday, January 20 ~ 4:30-6:30 P.M. ~ Main Meal Dining Room 1**  
 (Be sure to indicate your plans to attend on the registration form on page 3.)

**Study Skills Workshop: Thursday, February 17 ~ 4:00-5:30 P.M. ~ Main Meal Dining Room 1**

**Financial Aid/College Success Workshop: Thursday, March 3 ~ 4:00-5:30 P.M. ~ Main Meal Dining Room 1**

**Spring Break ~ March 7-11 (No VUB classes)**

**VUB Summer 2011 Semester begins April 18, 2011**

**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.**

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

Veterans Upward Bound is a federal TRiO program funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

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