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Veterans Upward Bound Voice

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VUB Summer Semester Information and Instructions

Page three of the newsletter contains the VUB 2011 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 success 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 without a break.

Check out the schedule and contact any VUB staff member if you have questions. 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 to us not later than April 15, 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 if you need help, and let us know if you change your address or phone number. Have a great Summer!

TASP Scholarship Winner



VUB, and in the Spring of 2009, Jeremy joined the program where he was provided with academic advice, counseling, and tutoring to prepare him for college entry. He completed the precollege preparation program and decided to enter ETSU in the fall.

As a college student he hit the road running hard and fast, and has not slowed down. In his freshman year he earned 24 hours' credit with a 3.962 GPA, was on the Dean's List, and won ETSU VUB's runner-up award for highest academic achievement for Project Year 2009-2010. In the Fall Semester of 2010, he continued his academic excellence by completing 12 hours' credit with a 3.96 GPA.

Jeremy gives credit to VUB when he says, "Having sincere, caring individuals within the program anxious to ensure my success inspires me to strive for that elusive 4.0 every single day in every class I take."

The VUB staff congratulates Jeremy on his decision to enter post-secondary education and especially for his impressive academic achievement thus far. We wish him the best as he continues his academic journey. He is a good example of what motivation, dedication, persistence, and hard work can accomplish when pursuing the goal of a college degree.

Semper Fidelis!

Congratulations to Jeremy J. Thompson, a Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) participant and current East Tennessee State University sophomore, for winning the 2011-2012 Tennessee Association of Special Programs (TASP) Adult Learner Scholarship.

Jeremy graduated high school and joined the U.S. Marine Corps in the fall of 2004. He spent four years in the Marines where he established an excellent record, served in combat, received numerous awards and citations, and received an honorable discharge as a Corporal of Marines in the fall of 2008.

He began working full time but decided to join VUB after receiving a recruitment letter that explained the program that could help him prepare for and be successful in a post-secondary program.

He first talked with ETSU's Veterans Affairs Coordinator who referred him to

ETSU Veterans Upward Bound: 30 Years of Successes

As of August 31, 2010, ETSU Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) successfully completed 30 years of dedicated and loyal service to Tri-Cities area veterans. Congress established the VUB program in 1972 to help returning Vietnam vets make a smoother transition from military life to college life. When Congress passed the legislation for VUB, it became part of the Federal TRIO Programs (TRIO), under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Education.

In 1979, ETSU submitted a proposal to the U.S. Department of Education that a VUB grant be awarded to serve local vets. The Department approved a three-year grant and ETSU VUB opened for business on September 1, 1980, serving vets living in Carter, Greene, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington counties of Tennessee and Scott and Washington counties of Virginia. In the early years under the leadership of Director Chris Lefler, VUB academic coursework and counseling was put in place to help vets prepare for post-secondary education.

In 1984, Chris left VUB and was hired to establish the first Student Support Services program at Northeast State Community College. Dr. Lefler is now serving in the position of Assistant Vice-President of Evening and Distance Learning. He was replaced by Gail Burleson, who began in VUB as a volunteer worker and counselor. The U.S. Department of Education renewed ETSU's grant in 1983 and Gail continued to provide excellent services for veterans until her retirement in 1998. Following Gail's retirement, Dr. Ronnie Gross was appointed as director and Len Morrison, USMC, Retired, joined the VUB staff as Assistant Director in 2002. Both are currently serving in their respective positions.

From 1980 through 2010, the VUB staff has proven its

dedication and devotion to serving veterans by providing services to 2,592 vets seeking help with higher education. Of the 2,592 vets served, 683 enrolled into post-secondary schooling and 120 of those have reenrolled in additional education programs following the completion of their first program. As of December 31, 2010, there were 166 veterans enrolled in post-secondary training in 57 schools in 24 states.

Not only has VUB been successful in placing veterans in training, but has also been successful in graduating vets from post-secondary. Over the past 30 years, a total of 226 diplomas have been awarded to VUB graduates: 52 Certificates, 58 Associate Degrees, 101 Bachelor Degrees, 12 Master Degrees, 1 Education Specialist Degree and 2 Doctorate Degrees (1 M.D. and 1 J.D.). Over the last 30 years comparing the number of graduates and currently enrolled students to the number of enrollments, VUB boasts a 48.8 percent success rate.

The past and present staff of VUB is proud to have served the veterans who live throughout the Tri-Cities area. It has been an honor and privilege to have been part of their success in helping them to accomplish their education goals. The current grant expires on August 31, 2012, but a renewal grant will certainly be submitted for continuation of VUB. Our steadfast hope is that we have the opportunity to keep serving vets and providing the needed services for future generations. Thank you comrades for allowing us to be a part of your success.

Stewart Wayne Wells Remembered 7/23/1957—1/15/2011



Stewart Wayne Wells, career Air Force Veteran will be remembered for his contributions to the Veterans Upward Bound Program of East Tennessee State University and for academic achievements at Spring Arbor University,

Michigan, and for his leadership at Lincoln Memorial University, Tennessee. At LMU he was a Program Director and Assistant Professor of Broadcast Communications. Stewart was a member of the Shawnee Masonic Lodge. The Veterans Upward Bound staff often would invite him to deliver motivational talks to other veterans in the Upward Bound Program. His success is certainly an example to those veterans who want to succeed in life, academics, and careers. He will be remembered for his leadership and inspiration. Much of his success is owed to his wife, Norma who is a member of the staff at Lincoln Memorial University.

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VUB 2011 SUMMER SEMESTER : APRIL 18th—JUNE 24th

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

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
1:00-3:00	MATH I VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 <i>Decimals, fractions, percentages & problem solving</i>		ENGLISH I VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 <i>Mechanics of English including grammar, punctuation, spelling, composition & vocabulary</i>	
1:30-3:00	INTRODUCTION TO PROB/STATISTICS (meets Mon & Wed) Mini-Dome E 205 <i>Topics include distribution, correlation, hypothesis testing, relationships, etc.</i>	SCIENCE (meets Tue & Thu) Mini-Dome E 205 <i>Includes physics/chemistry/earth science</i>	INTRO TO PROB/STATISTICS (meets Mon & Wed) Mini-Dome E 205	SCIENCE (meets Tue & Thu) Mini-Dome E 205
3:15-4:45	COMPUTER SKILLS A (meets Mon & Wed) Brown Hall 264 <i>Consists of Windows 2007, MS Word, Internet & E-mail</i>		COMPUTER SKILLS (meets Mon & Wed) Brown Hall 264	
5:30-8:30	LITERATURE Rogers-Stout Hall 302 <i>Emphasis on reading</i>	ENGLISH II Brown Hall 265 <i>Composition of English including grammar, punctuation, spelling, composition & vocabulary</i>		MATH II Brown Hall 265 <i>Factoring, rational numbers, inequalities & polynomials, etc.</i>

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

OFF ETSU MAIN / VA CAMPUS SITES	SUBJECT	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	ROOM
Bristol Public Library	MATH / ENGLISH COMPUTER SKILLS	Tue TBD	3:00-4:30/4:30-6:00P TBD	Mtg. Room
ETSU Kingsport	COMPUTER SKILLS MATH / ENGLISH	Tue Tue	9:00-11:00A TBD	216 216
ETSU Nave Center Elizabethton	ENGLISH / MATH I COMPUTER SKILLS / MATH II	Mon Wed	5:30-7:30/7:30-9:30P 5:30-7:30/7:30-9:30P	122 122
Johnson County Extended Service Center	ENGLISH / MATH COMPUTER SKILLS	Wed Wed	4:30-5:30/5:30-6:30P 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 April 15, 2011. Consult a VUB staff member at (423) 439-2281 if you have any questions or need assistance.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

VUB Summer 2011 Semester ~ April 18 – June 24

Good Friday Holiday ~ April 22, 2011 (Offices closed)

Memorial Day Holiday ~ May 30, 2011 (Offices closed)

Financial Aid/College Success Workshop: Thursday, May 5 ~ 11:00-1:00 P.M. ~ Main Meal Dining Room 1

VUB Fall 2011 Semester begins September 12, 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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