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VUB Spring Semester Information and Instructions

All VUB participants who have not yet entered a program of postsecondary education and need some help preparing academically for that move are invited to review page three of this newsletter. You will find several pre-college class opportunities available that will help you bridge the academic gap between where you are and where you need to be as you enter college.

We will continue our basic math and English classes this semester by offering tutoring for those who need to brush up on their basic skills. Please call the VUB office to arrange this individual service. Also, we will continue to provide tutoring for those who need

additional preparation before taking the COMPASS test.

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 on March 5-9.

To register for classes, follow the instructions at the bottom of page three. 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 January 18, 2012.

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.

2010-2011 Polly Archer Award



Congratulations to Mary Dykes, a U.S. Navy veteran, for being selected the 2010 – 2011 recipient of the VUB Polly Archer Award. This award is given to the most outstanding VUB college student for his/her past academic year's achievement and is presented at the annual Recognition Dinner. The award was created in 1997 in honor of Pauline Archer, the ETSU Veterans Affairs Rep for 29 years.

Mary enrolled in VUB April 2007, completed the VUB pre-college program, and entered ETSU fall 2007, majoring in Parks and Recreation. This past academic year, Mary attended three semesters, completed 43 hours of college studies, making the Dean's List three semesters, and finished the academic year with a 3.95 GPA. She is on track to graduate with a B.S. in May 2012 and start her master's in Appalachian Archival Studies in Fall 2012. For her out-

standing performance, she was awarded a \$50 gift card, a patriotic tee shirt, an autographed copy of *Freakonomics* by Stephen J. Dubner, a number one best-selling author, and having her name placed on the Polly Archer Award Plaque permanently located in the VUB office.

The first runner-up was Eric Borman, a U.S. Navy veteran. He attended all semesters at Northeast State, completed 32 hours of college studies, made the President's List one semester, and finished the academic year with a 4.0 GPA. He graduated Summa Cum Laude in August 2011 with an A.S. in General Education with an emphasis in Electrical. Eric is currently enrolled at ETSU pursuing a B.S. of Interdisciplinary Studies with concentrations in Urban Planning and History.



The second runner-up was Jim Burniston, a USAF retired MSgt. and a full-time employed shipping receivable supervisor at Nightline, Inc. in Mountain City. He is currently enrolled at Watauga Baptist Bible College in Mountain City pursuing an A.S. in Biblical Studies. He completed three semesters with 30 hours of college studies and finished the academic year with a 4.0 GPA.

Participants Recognition Dinner

VUB held its 31st Annual Banquet on December 8, 2011, in ETSU's D.P. Culp Center dining room with approximately 40 participants, guests, college achievers and graduates, program supporters, and staff in attendance.

Special guests attending included Ms. Polly Archer-Phillips, former Veterans Affairs Coordinator at ETSU and her husband, Hubert Phillips; Mr. Kevin Flanary, ETSU Assistant Registrar and Veterans Affairs Coordinator; Mr. Jeremy Lofquest, Assistant to the Veterans Affairs Coordinator; Mr. Dick Shambaugh, Johnson City Veterans Center Director; Mr. Larry Nelson and Ms. Jessica Munal from the Veterans Affairs Office at Northeast State Community College; and Ms. Debbie Stuck, TRIO Staff member at ETSU Kingsport.

All VUB participants were recognized and presented with a Certification of Appreciation and their fall semester grade report. Post-secondary college placements and graduates during Project Year 2010-2011 were also recognized. The annual Polly Archer academic achievement award candidates were introduced and the winner, Mary Dykes, was

announced (see article on page 1).

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Ms. Margie Jones, a Marine veteran, a former VUB participant, and an achiever, for her significant monetary contribution and for her many years of community service. A VUB participant community service award will be named in her honor and will be presented at future annual banquets. Ms. Jones was also presented with a copy of New York Times best-selling book, *Freakonomics*, autographed by its coauthor, Stephen J. Dubner, who is a big supporter of the ETSU VUB Program.

VUB Program Assistant Director, Len Morrison, provided an update on VUB activities and noted that all performance objectives were exceeded again this year.

To conclude the event, door prizes were provided to all who attended and each person received a choice of either a VUB cap, umbrella, or T-shirt.



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VUB 2012 SPRING SEMESTER : JANUARY 23rd— April 5th

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

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Flexi-ble Time	MATH I / ENGLISH I VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 Call VUB @ 439-2281 to arrange date & time	MATH I / ENGLISH I VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 Call VUB @ 439-2281 to arrange date & time	MATH I / ENGLISH I VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 Call VUB @ 439-2281 to arrange date & time	MATH I / ENGLISH I VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 Call VUB @ 439-2281 to arrange date & time
2:00-3:30	INTRODUCTION TO PROB/STATISTICS (meets Mon & Wed) Mini-Dome E 205 <i>Topics include distribution, correlation, 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
3:45-5:15	COMPUTER SKILLS (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	
5:00-8:00	LITERATURE Brown Hall 304 <i>Emphasis on reading</i>		SPANISH (Recommendation from VUB advisor required) <i>Spanish with vocabulary & grammar emphasis</i>	
5:30-8:30		ENGLISH II Brown Hall 304 <i>Composition of English including grammar, punctuation, composition & vocabulary</i>		MATH II Brown Hall 304 <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	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
	COMPUTER SKILLS / MATH II	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	JCESC
	COMPUTER SKILLS	Wed	6:30-7:30P	

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Please print your name/phone # and check the box to the left if you plan to attend the Spring Orientation on Jan. 19 at 4:30 ~ VA Bldg 2, Room 128. Name: _____ Phone # : _____



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday ~ January 16 (Offices closed)

VUB Spring 2012 Orientation : Thursday, January 19 ~ 4:30-6:30 P.M. ~ VA Bldg. 2, Room 128

VUB Spring 2012 Semester ~ January 23 – April 5

College Success/Study Skills Workshop: Monday, February 27 ~ 5:00-7:00 P.M. ~ Main Meal Private Dining Room

ETSU/VUB Spring Break ~ March 5-9

Financial Aid Workshop: Monday, March 26 ~ 5:00-7:00 P.M. ~ Main Meal Private Dining Room

VUB Summer 2012: April 16-June 21

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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