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ETSU VETERANS UPWARD BOUND (VUB)

Veterans Upward Bound Voice

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VUB Spring Semester Information and Instructions

Page three of the newsletter contains the VUB 2013 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 success in a post-secondary program.

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. 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 II, English II, and literature). Also note that the semester is ten weeks in length.

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 January 24, 2013.

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 Spring!



2011-2012 VUB Polly Archer Award



Pictured left: Len Morrison, Director and Brad Flynn, co-winner.



Pictured right: Alan Koch, co-winner and Len Morrison, Director.

Competition for the Polly Archer Academic Achievement Award, which was established in 1997, ended in a tie for first place honors this year. Congratulations to Brad Flynn, a USAF veteran and a full time Johnson City police officer, and Alan Koch, a retired USMC Master Sergeant (2009-10 winner).

Brad graduated from ETSU in May 2012 receiving a BSIS degree with a concentration in criminology, was on the Dean's list, maintained a 4.0 GPA, and graduated Magna Cum Laude. He is currently enrolled at ETSU pursuing a master's degree in Public Administration.

Alan graduated from Northeast State Community College receiving an AS degree in Religion and Philosophy, was on the President's List, maintained a 4.0 GPA, was

selected as Philosophy Student of the Year, awarded two scholarships, and graduated Summa Cum Laude. He is currently enrolled at ETSU pursuing a BS degree in Philosophy and Religious Studies.

For winning the Polly Archer Academic Achievement Award, both Brad and Alan received a Veterans Upward Bound Certificate of Achievement and a \$50 gift certificate. They were presented with an autographed book, *Freakonomics*, donated by coauthor, Stephen J. Dubner, who offered congratulations and a thank you for their service in the military. Additionally, their names are engraved on the Polly Archer plaque that is on permanent display in the VUB office.

Runners-up for the award are Dean Nash, USA retired, attending King College with a 4.0 GPA; and James Burniston, USAF retired, attending Watauga Baptist Bible College with a 4.0 GPA.

Participants Recognition Dinner



VUB held its 32nd Annual Banquet on December 6, 2012, in ETSU's D.P. Culp Center dining room with approximately 50 participants, guests, college achievers and graduates, program supporters, and staff in attendance. It was a special event to recognize and celebrate the achievement and progress of veterans who have chosen to continue their education.

Special guests included Ms. Sheryl Burnette, ETSU Registrar; Mr. Kevin Flanary, ETSU Assistant Registrar/Veterans Affairs Coordinator; Mr. Dick Shambaugh, Johnson City Vet Center Director, and his wife, Sue; Ms. Diane Tarlton and Ms. Carolyn Minton from the Johnson City Labor/Workforce Office; and Mr. Larry Nelson from the Veterans Affairs Office at Northeast State Community College. VUB Staff attending included Bobby Westbrook, counselor, recruiter, and tutor; Carl Cole, academic advisor, recruiter, and instructor; Greg Stout, instructor of computer skills, probability and statistics, and science; Joan Hathaway, executive aide; Teresa Carver, TRiO executive aide; and Len Morrison, director, instructor and tutor.

All VUB participants attending were recognized and presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and their fall semester grade report. Post-secondary college placements and graduates during Project Year 2011-2012 were also recognized. The annual academic award candidates were introduced and the winners were

announced (see article and pictures on page 1).

Veterans Upward Bound Director, Len Morrison, provided an update on activities and achievements which included:

- all VUB objectives were met or exceeded
- academic skills objective, as measured by a pre- and post-test was exceeded by 98%
- post-secondary placement objective was exceeded by 228%
- VUB program completion and retention objective was exceeded by 153%, and
- post-secondary persistence objective was exceeded by 121%.

Morrison reported that during the 2011-2012 Project Year, 41 veterans were placed into post-secondary representing all military branches. Enrollment in post-secondary schools at the end of the academic year was 203 veterans at 64 schools in 31 states and Washington, D.C. Also, 14 graduated post-secondary. The numbers of placements and graduates were all-time records for VUB.

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.



Margie Jones Community Service Award



The first annual VUB Community Service Award was presented to Navy veteran Mary Dykes for her outstanding contribution and record of community service.

Mary graduated from ETSU in May of 2012 receiving a BS in Parks and Recreational Management with a minor in Appalachian Studies. She is currently enrolled at ETSU in the Masters of Liberal Arts in Archival Studies. While in the VUB Program she won two scholarships and was the winner of the 2010-2011 Polly Archer Academic Achiever Award.

Mary's community service involvement as an organizer and participant in numerous activities as well as an officer in committees, clubs and workshops is truly remarkable. As the winner of this award, Mary received a VUB Certificate of Appreciation, \$50 and an autographed book, *Freakonomics*.

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VUB 2013 SPRING SEMESTER : January 28—April 11

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

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Flexi-ble Time	MATH I / ENGLISH I TUTORING VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 Call VUB to arrange date & time	MATH I / ENGLISH I TUTORING VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 Call VUB to arrange date & time	MATH I / ENGLISH I TUTORING VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 Call VUB to arrange date & time	MATH I / ENGLISH I TUTORING VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 Call VUB to arrange date & time
1:30-3:00	INTRO TO THE ACTIVE PRACTICE OF STATISTICS (meets Mon & Wed) Mini-Dome E 205 <i>Topics include distribution, correlation, hypothesis testing, relationships, etc.</i>		INTRO TO THE ACTIVE PRACTICE OF STATISTICS (meets Mon & Wed) Mini-Dome E 205	
2:00-3:30		SCIENCE (meets Tue & Thu) Mini-Dome E 205 <i>Includes physics, chemistry, earth science</i>		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>	3:30-5:30 (Tue only) LITERATURE SURVEY Brown Hall 304 <i>Emphasis on reading</i>	COMPUTER SKILLS (meets Mon & Wed) Brown Hall 264	
5:30-8:30		ENGLISH II Brown Hall 304 <i>Composition of English including grammar, punctuation, spelling, 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 (1st class meets Jan. 15)	COMPUTER SKILLS	Tue	9:00-11:00A	216
	MATH / ENGLISH TUTORING	TBD	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	

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 22, 2013. Consult a VUB staff member at (423) 439-2281 if you have any questions or need assistance.

Please check the box to the left if you plan to attend the VUB Spring 2013 Orientation on January 24 at 4:30.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____



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DATES TO REMEMBER

VUB Spring 2013 Semester ~ January 28—April 11

VUB Spring 2013 Orientation ~ Thursday, January 24 ~ 4:30-6:00 P.M. ~ VA Bldg. 2, Room 128

College Success/Study Skills Workshop ~ Thursday, February 21 ~ 4:30-6:00 P.M. ~ VA Bldg. 2, Room 128

Financial Aid Workshop ~ Thursday, March 21 ~ 4:30-6:00 P.M. ~ VA Bldg. 2, Room 128

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday ~ Monday, January 21 (offices closed)

Spring Break (no classes) March 10-15

VUB Summer 2013 Semester begins Monday, April 29

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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