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VUB Summer Semester Information and Instructions

Page three of the newsletter contains the VUB 2014 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.

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 one class meets twice per week (computer skills), while the remainder meets only once per week (algebra and statistics). Also note that the semester is nine 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 April 25, 2014.

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 you will be able to register for up to five 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!

Financial Literacy/College Success Workshop

Financial Literacy is a broad range of monetary-related topics including budgeting, banking, borrowing, credit, loans, investments, checking, savings, debt management, retirement, insurance, and financial advisement.

Some online resources regarding financial literacy topics include:

www.mymoney.gov

www.practicalmoneyskills.com

www.ftc.gov/YouAreHere

We plan to conduct a Financial Literacy/College Success Workshop on June 12th at 4:30 P.M. in

VA Bldg. 2, Room 128 and will provide valuable financial information.

The workshop will also provide information that will assist students prepare for and be able to perform more successfully in a post-secondary environment.

Topics to be addressed will include Study Strategies, Goal Setting, Note Taking, Exam Strategies, Time Management, Critical Thinking Skills, Writing Skills, and Adjusting to College Life.

“The safest way to double your money is to fold it over once and put it in your pocket.”
Kin Hubbard

National Association of Veterans Upward Bound Conference

The National Association of Veterans Upward Bound (NAVUB) held its 36th annual conference in Nashville, Tennessee, March 10-14, 2014. The conference was held at the Nashville Marriot at Vanderbilt University with excellent arrangements having been made by the NAVUB 2014 Conference Committee which was chaired by Nikkol Wymer, from Pensacola State University. The theme of the conference was "Hope Through Education" which was very much emphasized and supported during the conference.

Attending the conference from East Tennessee State University's VUB Program were Len Morrison, Carl Cole, Joan Hathaway, and Teresa Carver.

Highlights of the conference included:

- ◆ The opening session speaker of the conference, Amy Verlanic, Executive Director of the Institute for Educational Opportunities at Montana Tech and the Board Chair Elect for the Council for Opportunity in Education, and
- ◆ VUB Legislation and Regulations Workshop by Julia O'Dell, VUB Director at the University of Kansas and Past-President of NAVUB.

Excellent presentations were also given by Matthew Fasciano, Chief Operating Officer of the Posse Foundation, and by Lt. Col. Alvin Phillips, U.S. Army, retired, who is currently serving as the Senior Vice President for Membership and Human Resources at the Council for Opportunity in Education.

Several presentations/discussions were led by VUB members who offered insight and recommendations for daily operations in VUB programs.

The traditional Eagle Luncheon at which NAVUB Scholarship winners and VUB Staff members were recognized and honored was a big success. Two of the 2013 NAVUB Scholarship winners, including ETSU's VUB Program winner David Baxter, were invited to speak at the luncheon. Both VUB participants related how their participation in VUB had helped them to navigate through the higher education process and provided outstanding support for their success as college students.

One \$2,000 scholarship and ten \$1,000 scholarships were awarded for the 2013 competition. Plans are to repeat this endeavor for the 2014 competition.



Pictured above L-R are Len Morrison, VUB Director, David Baxter, NAVUB Scholarship winner, his wife, Amanda, along with Carl Cole, VUB Educational Advisor.

The 2014 NAVUB Scholarship competition will soon be announced. If you would like to apply, please contact the VUB office for details about the scholarship and application process.

NAVUB Annual Banquet Highlight



Bobby Westbrook, a long-time Veterans Upward Bound Program counselor at East Tennessee State University, who retired last year, was selected as a life-time honorary member of NAVUB by the membership at the annual banquet dinner. Bobby, a retired Lt. Col. in the

Army Reserve and former college administrator, served for more than 16 years in VUB helping hundreds of veterans prepare for entrance into and success in college. Although his primary function was advising, he was very involved in recruiting, tutoring, and representing the program in many community organizations and veterans meetings. He had a special talent for recruiting and encouraging veterans to perform at their highest potential.

He has attended most of the annual NAVUB Conferences and made many friends over the years. Although he did not attend the conference this year, many members expressed their thanks, admiration, good luck in retirement, and hope that he would be able to attend future conferences.

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VUB 2014 SUMMER SEMESTER : April 28—June 26

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- 3:30	INTRO TO THE ACTIVE PRACTICE OF STATISTICS (Mon only) Sam Wilson Hall 302 <i>Topics include distribution, correla- tion, hypothesis testing, relationships, etc.</i>			
3:45- 5:15	COMPUTER SKILLS (Mon & Tue) Brown Hall 264 <i>Consists of Windows 2007, MS Word, Internet & E-mail</i>	COMPUTER SKILLS (Mon & Tue) Brown Hall 264		
5:30- 8:30			ALGEBRA (Wed only) Brown Hall 370 <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 - Allendale	COMPUTER SKILLS I	Tue	9:00-10:30	216
	COMPUTER SKILLS II	Tue	10:30-12:00	216
	MATH / ENGLISH TUTORING	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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DATES TO REMEMBER

VUB Summer 2014 Semester ~ April 28—June 26

Memorial Day Holiday ~ Monday, May 26 (offices closed)

Financial Literacy/College Success Workshop ~ Thursday, June 12 ~ 4:30-6:00 P.M. ~ VA Bldg. 2, Room 128

Independence Day Holiday ~ Friday, July 4 (offices closed)

VUB Fall 2014 Semester begins Monday, September 8

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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