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

**MONDAY**

- **2:00-3:30**
  - **INTRODUCTION TO PROB/STATISTICS** (meets Mon & Wed)
    - Mini-Dome E 205
    - Topics include distribution, correlation, relationships, etc.

**TUESDAY**

- **2:00-3:30**
  - **SCIENCE** (meets Tue & Thu)
    - Mini-Dome E 205
    - Includes physics, chemistry, earth science

**WEDNESDAY**

- **2:00-3:30**
  - **INTRO TO PROB/STATISTICS** (meets Mon & Wed)
    - Mini-Dome E 205

**THURSDAY**

- **2:00-3:30**
  - **SCIENCE** (meets Tue & Thu)
    - Mini-Dome E 205

**2:00-3:30**

- **MATH I / ENGLISH I**
  - VA Bldg. 2, Room 013
  - Call VUB @ 439-2281 to arrange date & time

**3:45-5:15**

- **COMPUTER SKILLS** (meets Mon & Wed)
  - Brown Hall 264
  - Consists of Windows 2007, MS Word, Internet & E-mail

**5:00-8:00**

- **LITERATURE**
  - Brown Hall 304
  - Emphasis on reading

**5:30-8:30**

- **ENGLISH II**
  - Brown Hall 304
  - Composition of English including grammar, punctuation, composition & vocabulary

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

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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 #: __________________________
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.

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