Page three of the newsletter contains the VUB 2013 Summer Semester schedule of classes. It differs a little from the normal spring and fall schedules but still contains precollege class opportunities for all veterans preparing for postsecondary programs.

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 our computer skills class will meet on Monday and Tuesday and all other classes will meet once per week. Also note that the semester will begin on April 29th and end on June 27th.

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, 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 postsecondary program. We have designed the schedule so that you will be able to register for all classes during a four-day period without any class conflict.

If you plan to operate a vehicle on campus, call us to get directions and a permit.

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!

Jason Wright Continues Successful Journey

Jason Wright was cut short due to an injury he received while unloading ammunition at his duty station in Germany. He was honorably discharged with a physical disability and returned to civilian life.

When his military life ended, he decided to enter higher education. But after two attempts he gained little success and was ready to give up trying to get a degree. Then he saw an advertisement about the Veterans Upward Bound Program and decided to check it out.

He joined VUB, received the support he needed, and was ready to reenter college with a new determination and self-confidence.

Jason’s goal was to complete a master’s degree in social work and to be employed by the Veterans Administration (VA). He said he wanted to work with veterans returning from war and help them to transition back to society.

During his college tenure Jason was recommended for and won two TRiO Scholarships. He also won VUB’s highest academic achievement award for the 2007-2008 school year.

Following his graduation from ETSU in 2011, Jason was employed by the VA in Voc Rehab. Jason’s next step is to enter a master’s degree program at ETSU in social work.

The VUB Staff congratulates Jason for continuing his journey with enthusiasm and perseverance.
David Baxter Wins TASP Scholarship

Congratulations to David P. Baxter, Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) participant and Northeast State Community College freshman, for winning the 2013 Tennessee Association of Special Programs (TASP) Adult Learner Scholarship of $400.

Spending much of his time as a homeless person while in high school did not deter David’s determination for an education. He overcame the many disadvantages he faced and was able to complete a college prep program with a 3.81 GPA.

He realized that attending college immediately after high school would not be possible for him financially, so he decided to join the Army. This course of action would give him the opportunity to serve his country and he would be in a better position to try post-secondary education when he completed his military service. He completed two years in the Army and received an honorable discharge with a 40 percent service-connected disability for injuries received while in service.

After his discharge from the Army, he eventually found employment, started a family, and decided to enter college. He spent a year in college and earned a 3.64 GPA. His time in college was short-lived, however, due to a family emergency, and he had to withdraw so he could support his family.

Finally, in 2012, David discovered he was eligible for the Veterans Administration Vocational Rehabilitation Program which would make it financially possible to return to college.

It had been a few years since he first attempted college and he wondered how and what he should do to return to higher education.

He had heard about VUB and in the fall of 2012 he decided to join the program. He discovered that all his questions were answered, all his anxiety was eliminated, confidence was restored, information and assistance for college application was provided, and he is currently enrolled as a full-time student at Northeast State Community College.

David was nominated and recommended by the staff of VUB for the TASP Adult Learner Scholarship due to his high academic record and potential for future success; his enthusiasm and motivation to succeed; and his dedication to family and community.

David sums up his experience with VUB, “The Veterans Upward Bound has helped me overcome many obstacles in my entrance into the college world. The years spent away from school life made entering college very intimidating. The Veterans Upward Bound worked wonders in helping me make my transition. Without VUB, I would not be on the right path in my college career.”

The VUB staff congratulates David on his decision to resume post-secondary education. He has set an outstanding example of what motivation, dedication, and persistence can accomplish. These attributes combined with his academic ability will serve him well as he continues in college pursuing a degree in biochemistry.

We salute David for his military service and wish him much success.

Upcoming NAVUB Scholarship

The National Association of Veterans Upward Bound (NAVUB) will soon be announcing its 2013-2014 annual scholarship competition. Advanced information received indicates that the award amount will be $1,000. The total number of scholarships to be awarded has not been announced but only one submission from each VUB Program will be allowed.

Pertinent information about the scholarship includes:

* The nominee must be a VUB student who will be enrolled in post-secondary for the fall 2013 semester.

* Proof of school attendance is required for payment of the award which will be made directly to the winner.

* A letter of recommendation must be written by the nominator indicating familiarity with applicant’s financial need, involvement with VUB activities, academic background, civic, community and/or educational contributions, honors received and other pertinent information.

* The nominee will complete the application, secure a letter of recommendation from someone other than the nominator and write an essay entitled, “How Veterans Upward Bound Has Made It Possible For Me To Pursue A College (or Vocational/Technical) Education.”

The NAVUB Scholarship committee will judge applications based on information in the categories of: Nomination and Recommendation Letters; Financial Need; VUB and Community Activities; Academics; and the Essay.

If you are interested in the NAVUB Scholarship, please call the VUB Office at 423.439.2281 by mid-April. The date for receipt of the application will most likely be due the second week in May.
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF CLASSES (ETSU Main Campus / VA Campus)

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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.

Dates to Remember

VUB Summer 2013 Semester ~ April 29—June 27

College Success/Financial Aid Workshop ~ Thursday, May 23 ~ 4:30-6:00 P.M. ~ VA Bldg. 2, Room 128

Memorial Day Holiday ~ Monday, May 27 (offices closed)

Independence Day - Holiday ~ Thursday, July 4 (offices closed)

Labor Day - Holiday ~ Monday, September 2 (offices closed)

VUB Fall 2013 Semester begins Monday, September 9