



Veterans Upward Bound

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Fall Semester Information

Page three of the newsletter contains the Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) 2024 fall semester schedule of classes. Some of our pre-college classes are online Zoom[®] taught by Dr. Marian Young. They still contain all the pre-college class opportunities for most veterans to prepare for entrance into and success in a postsecondary program.

We will continue to offer math, English and computer skills tutoring for those who need to brush up on their basic skills.

We also provide tutoring for those who need additional preparation before taking ACCUPLACER[®], the college assessment and placement exam.

Check out the schedule on page three and contact a VUB staff member with any questions.

LTC LEN MORRISON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



(L-R) Greg Stout, John Driskell

The VUB staff would like to congratulate Mr. John Driskell for being selected as the winner of the 2023-2024 Len Morrison Award in the amount of \$500. The award was established this year in honor of Lt. Col Len Morrison to recognize the VUB student with the best academic year performance. John graduated from Northeast State Community College with an associate's degree in biological sciences. At ETSU, he is working on a Bachelor of Science in biology, and has earned a 4.0 GPA with making the Dean's List for the 2023 fall semester and the 2024 spring semester.

John is an Air Force veteran who served five years as a command-and-control journeyman and an aircraft armament apprentice. He joined VUB in the fall of 2021. John is commended for his extraordinary efforts, his persistence, and the example set for others to emulate.

WELCOME JESSICA KELSO



Veterans Upward Bound would like to welcome Jessica Kelso, our new educational coordinator, who came on board on June 1, 2024. Jessica has almost 18 years of experience in

higher education with 12 years directly related to veteran and military-affiliated students.

After graduating from Middle Tennessee State University with her bachelor's degree in 2005, Jessica began employment at Northeast State Community College (NeSCC) in admissions and records. In 2010, she transitioned to veterans affairs and became the first director of the Veteran and Military Student Success Center. During her tenure, she and her team led the college toward veterans' success and were recognized as a Top 10 Military Friendly School, a national recognition. She also served as the advisor for the Student Veterans of America Chapter at NeSCC for many years. In 2022, she completed her master's degree in leadership and organizational administration from Austin Peay State University.

Jessica lives in Blountville, TN with her husband, two children, and bulldog, Moose. She is currently enrolled at ETSU pursuing a second bachelor's degree. When she is not busy supporting her children at their various sporting events or extracurricular activities, she enjoys reading and watching science fiction, fantasy and horror. She also thoroughly enjoys outdoor activities, traveling and experiencing culture. At the top of her bucket list is visiting as many national parks as she can. During her most recent adventure, she got to surface mine for diamonds in Arkansas. The VUB staff wishes Jessica all the best in her new position.

TN TRIO SCHOLARSHIP



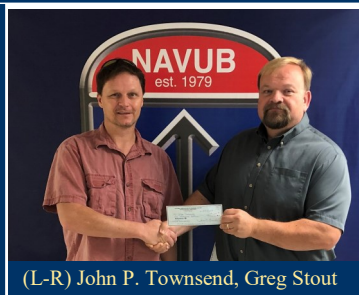
The staff of East Tennessee State University's (ETSU) Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) would like to recognize Holland Boyd for winning the TN TRiO Adult Learner 2024-2025 Scholarship. One college student from each Veterans Upward Bound program across the state is nominated for the scholarship. Each nominated VUB student was required to write an essay explaining to the scholarship committee how their involvement with VUB affected their lives. The contest winner would win a \$500 scholarship for the 2024 fall semester.

The ETSU VUB staff selected program achiever Holland Boyd to enter the contest based on his outstanding academic record, motivation determination and cooperation.

It was announced by the TN TRiO scholarship committee that Holland was the recipient of the \$500 scholarship award.

Congratulations to Holland for his outstanding performance and continuing success.

NAVUB SCHOLARSHIP



(L-R) John P. Townsend, Greg Stout

Congratulations to John P. Townsend, Veterans Upward Bound participant and East Tennessee State University (ETSU) student, for winning the 2024 National Association of Veterans Upward Bound (NAVUB) Combat Tracker Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000, the highest award given by NAVUB.

John is a Navy veteran who is working on a Bachelor of Science in geosciences with an emphasis in paleontology at ETSU and hopes to start a Master of Science in geosciences in paleontology at ETSU in the future.

John heard about VUB from the Disabled American Veterans Program and joined in April 2017, for assistance in preparing for and applying to college. We have been impressed by his professional demeanor, positive attitude, motivation to be successful, and for maintaining a high GPA. John is commended for his contributions to VUB and for winning the NAVUB Combat Tracker Scholarship.

VUB's Fall 2024 Postsecondary Enrollment

East Tennessee State University

Russell Beckner	Army
Keith Berenzy	Marine Corp
Christopher Blankenship	Navy
Jason Bragg	Army
Dustin Britt	Army
Kevin Crow	Army
Anthony Crowson	Army
Brian Disoso	Army
Brandon Hollick	Army
Julian Jaynes	Navy
Chad Jeffries	Marine Corp
Gage Merryweather	Army
Joseph Miles	Navy
Liam Neary	Army
Bill Park	Army

Colyn Pennington	Marine Corp
Robby Rutherford	Marine Corp
Darla Shelton	Army
Benjiman Shuttleworth	Navy
Luke Voorhees	Coast Guard

Northeast State Community College

Zachary Chandler	Marine Corp
Randy Herrmann	Navy
Kurt Stallings	Navy

Walters State Community College

Frank Johns	Navy
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Congratulations to these fine veterans who have completed the VUB Pre-college Program and have taken the wise step forward and upward by entering a postsecondary program. We thank you for your service and the sacrifices you have made and will continue to make.

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY VETERANS UPWARD BOUND
VUB 2024 FALL SEMESTER: SEPTEMBER 16 - NOVEMBER 22
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF CLASSES/TUTORING (ETSU Main Campus)

PRE-COLLEGE TUTORING

Mathematics thru precalculus, statistics, English and computer skills

Monday, Wednesday and Friday ~ 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tutor: Ms. Marian Young, Ph.D.; project specialist

ZOOM® TUTORING is available to all eligible veterans.

Tutoring subjects include math, statistics, English and computer skills.

Topic: VUB Zoom® tutoring – Monday, Wednesday and Friday by appointment.

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tutor: Ms. Marian Young, Ph.D.; project specialist

CLASSES

COMPUTER SKILLS

Consists of Windows 11 and Office 365

Monday/Wednesday/Friday ~ 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

INTRO TO THE ACTIVE PRACTICE OF STATISTICS

Monday/Wednesday/Friday ~ 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

LITERATURE/STUDY SKILLS ~ TBD

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Thursday ~ 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

SCIENCE *Includes physics, chemistry, earth science*
 Wednesday ~ 1:30-3:30 p.m.

TUTORING

MATHEMATICS THRU PRECALCULUS

ENGLISH

COMPUTER SKILLS

Monday through Friday ~ Flexible Time

Call the VUB office to arrange date & time.

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS *(Dates/times may be adjusted to meet student needs.)*

ETSU KINGSPORT-ALLANDALE ROOM 234

COMPUTER SKILLS I & II

Tuesday ~ 9-11 a.m.

ENGLISH/MATH TUTORING

Tuesday ~ 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

BRISTOL PUBLIC LIBRARY

COMPUTER SKILLS/ENGLISH/MATH

Tuesday ~ TBD

Consult a VUB staff member at (423) 439-2281 to register for classes/tutoring or if you have any questions.

DATES TO REMEMBER

VUB Fall 2024 Semester ~ September 16 - November 22

Veterans Day ~ November 11 (Offices Closed)

Thanksgiving Break ~ November 27-29 (Offices Closed)

VUB Spring 2024 Semester ~ January 21 ~ March 28

Financial Literacy Information

The lack of financial literacy among veterans in America is one of many reasons for homelessness in the veteran population. In the next few newsletters, we will be publishing articles focusing on the My Money Five concept from the government site MyMoney.gov.



My Money Five

Making the most of your money starts with five building blocks for managing and growing your money -- the MyMoney Five. Keep these five principles in mind as you make day-to-day decisions and plan your financial goals.

KNOW&GROW

Borrow

Sometimes it's necessary to borrow for major purchases like an education, a car, a house, or maybe even to meet unexpected expenses. Your ability to get a loan generally depends on your credit history, and that depends largely on your track record at repaying what you've borrowed in the past and paying your bills on time. So, be careful to keep your credit history strong.

ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE

- Track your borrowing habits.
- Pay your bills on time.
- When you need to borrow, be sure to plan, understand and shop around for a loan with a low Annual Percentage Rate (APR).
- Learn about credit and how to use it effectively.
- Pay attention to your credit history, as reflected by your credit score and on your credit report.

HINTS AND TIPS

- Borrowing money is a way to purchase something now and pay for it over time. But, you usually pay "interest" when you borrow money. The longer you take to pay back the money you borrowed, the more you will pay in interest.
- It pays to shop around to get the best deal on a loan. Compare loan terms from several lenders, and it's okay to negotiate the terms.
- When repaying a loan, it may be better to pay more than the minimum amount due each month, so you will have to pay less in interest over the life of the loan.
- One of your most important aids when shopping for a loan is the APR – the Annual Percentage Rate. This is the total cost, including interest charges and fees, described as a yearly rate.
- Paying your bills on time will help increase your credit score. Even if you fell into trouble with borrowing in the past, you can get on solid footing and rebuild your credit history by making regular payments as agreed.
- You are entitled to a free copy of your credit report every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit bureaus. Go to www.AnnualCreditReport.com or call toll free 1-877-322-8228 to order the free reports. Beware of imposter sites.

Veterans Upward Bound is a unique program designed to assist eligible veterans to prepare for entering and succeeding in a program of postsecondary education. VUB has operated successfully at ETSU since 1980, helping thousands of veterans achieve their educational goals. Through academic counseling, advising, encouraging, motivating, providing basic skill and short-term remedial and refresher courses, assisting veterans in securing support services from other locally available resources such as the Veterans Administration, state veterans agencies, veteran associations, and other state and local agencies that serve veterans, 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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