



# Veterans Upward Bound Voice

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## VUB Fall Semester Information and Instructions

Page three of the newsletter contains the VUB 2016 Fall Semester schedule of classes. It is very similar to previous semesters and it contains all the precollege class opportunities for most veterans to prepare for entrance into and success in a postsecondary 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 computer skills class meets twice per week, while the remainder (algebra, science, and stats) meets only once per week. Also note that the semester is ten weeks in length.

Check out the schedule and contact any VUB staff member if you have questions. You may register by phone.

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 you will be able to register for up to four 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.

## TASP Scholarship Winner



Congratulations to Sharon K. Smith, a Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) participant and current East Tennessee State University (ETSU) junior for winning the Veteran's 2016-2017 Tennessee Association of Special Programs (TASP) Adult Learner Scholarship in the amount of \$400. Notification of the award was recently provided by Mr. John Johnson, President of TASP.

Sharon retired from the Navy in 2009 after 20 years' service.

She was undecided what she wanted to do until she learned at the Veterans Administration Office about a program that helps veterans prepare for and be successful in college. She then very quickly visited the VUB Office, was pleased with what she learned, and signed up for the program.

After completing the VUB Program, she enrolled at ETSU where she is now working toward her bachelor's degree in Nutrition.

Sharon used a positive attitude, great determination, and cooperation throughout the process of preparing for, entering, and achieving in college.

Sharon has also been nominated for a 2015-16 National Association of Veterans Upward Bound (NAVUB) Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. The VUB staff wishes her success in the competition.

## VUB's 2016 Postsecondary Enrollment

<u>East Tennessee State University</u>		<u>American Intercontinental College</u>	
<u>Veteran</u>	<u>Military Service Affiliation</u>	<u>Veteran</u>	<u>Military Service Affiliation</u>
Mayer Coelho	Army	Cheryl Danforth	Army
Jason Commander	Army		
Frank Dunn	Marine Corps	<u>Northeast State Community College</u>	
Jason Gamble	Navy	Christopher Cunningham	Army NG
Shawn Jordan	Navy	Devanie Dishner	Army/Army Reserve
Morgan Ketner	Army	Anthony Irvine	Army
Darrell McCombs	Marine Corps	Darrell Morgan	Marine Corps
Michael McElhaney	Army	James Page	Army
Jason Tennant	Navy	Johnathon Royse	Air Force
		Karen Toby	Army
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<u>King University</u>		<p>Congratulations to this year's fine group of veterans who have prepared well and have taken the wise step forward and upward by entering postsecondary programs of study. We thank you for your service to our country and the sacrifices you have and will continue to make to our society. The VUB Staff wishes you well as you work toward graduation and enter into interesting and productive careers.</p>	
Anthony Boulware	Navy		
<u>Tennessee College of Applied Technology</u>			
Jon Lee	Navy		
Ciprana Simerly	Army		
Thomas Johnson	Army		

## Polly Archer Award Winners

The VUB Polly Archer Award was established in 1997 to reward and honor those veterans who excelled in their studies for the academic year. The winners receive \$100 and runners-up \$50.

**Ryan Galyon**, an Air Force veteran, was selected as VUB's 2013-2014 Polly Archer Award winner. While attending Northeast State Community College (NSCC), Ryan made the President's List two semesters and achieved a 4.0 GPA. Ryan graduated NSCC in May 2015 and is currently enrolled at ETSU majoring in Social Work.

**Jimmy Parks**, an Army veteran, was selected as runner-up. Jimmy attended NSCC, making the President's List for two semesters with a 3.875 GPA. He graduated Dec. 2015 from Bismarck State College, ND with an A.A.S in Power House Technology.

**Phillip Guest**, an Army veteran, was selected as VUB's 2014-2015 Polly Archer Award winner. Phillip attended ETSU and achieved a GPA of 3.913 while making the Dean's List for two semesters. He graduated Summa Cum Laude in December 2015 with a major in Computer Science.

**Steven Parker**, an Army NG veteran, was selected as runner-up. He made the President's List at NSCC for fall and spring semesters and the Dean's List summer semester at ETSU with a combined 3.944 GPA. He graduated from NSCC in May 2015 and ETSU, Magna Cum Laude, August 2016.

These four outstanding veterans are setting a remarkable example for others to emulate. We applaud their hard work and dedication and wish them best for their future.

EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY VETERANS UPWARD BOUND

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VUB 2016 FALL SEMESTER : SEPTEMBER 12 - NOVEMBER 17

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) VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 <i>Topics include distribution, correla- tion, hypothesis testing, relationships, etc.</i>		SCIENCE (Wed only) VA Bldg. 2, Room 013 <i>Includes physics, chemistry, earth science</i>	
3:45- 5:15	COMPUTER SKILLS (Mon & Wed) Brown Hall 264 <i>Consists of Windows 2007, MS Word, Internet &amp; E-mail</i>		COMPUTER SKILLS (Mon & Wed) Brown Hall 264	
5:45- 8:30			ALGEBRA (Wed only) TBD <i>Factoring, rational numbers, inequalities &amp; 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	

*You may register by phone for classes and/or tutoring. Consult a VUB staff member at (423) 439-2281 if you have any questions or need assistance.*

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## Financial Literacy Information

### Avoiding Fraud

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The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is a US federal regulatory agency designed to monitor and prevent anticompetitive, deceptive or unfair business practices.

A recent article by the FTC, "10 Ways to Avoid Fraud", is a comprehensive list of practical tips for fraud avoidance.

1. Spot imposters.
2. Do online searches.
3. Don't believe your caller ID.
4. Don't pay upfront for a promise.
5. Consider how you pay.
6. Talk to someone.
7. Hang up on robocalls.
8. Be skeptical about free trial offers.
9. Don't deposit a check and wire money back.
10. Sign up for free scam alerts from the FTC at [ftc.gov/scams](http://ftc.gov/scams)

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

VUB Fall 2016 Semester ~ September 12-November 17

Thanksgiving Holiday ~ November 24-25 (offices closed)

VUB Spring 2017 Semester ~ January 23-April 6

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.

**Check Us Out on the Web!**

[www.etsu.edu/vub](http://www.etsu.edu/vub)