



# Veterans Upward Bound

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## Spring Semester Information

Page three of the newsletter contains the Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) 2025 spring semester schedule of classes/tutoring. Some of our pre-college classes/tutoring are offered online using Zoom<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup>, the college assessment and placement exam.

Computer skills class

and other pre-college classes meet once a week for the ten-week semester.

Check out the schedule on page three and contact a VUB staff member if you have questions.

If you are already enrolled in college, keep us informed of your progress. Call if you need help and let us know if you change your address or phone number.

## John P. Townsend Wins Scholarship



Congratulations to John P. Townsend, Veterans Upward Bound participant and ETSU junior, for winning the Southeastern Association of Educational

Opportunity Program Personnel (SAEOPP) Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

John entered the Navy in 1991, where he honorably served, progressed in rank, and received several military awards including the National Defense Service Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with the Bronze Star, and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. He was honorably discharged on May 3, 1995.

John heard about VUB from the Disabled American Veterans Program and joined in April 2017, for assistance in preparing for and applying to college. He was administered academic assessments, tutoring, financial aid information, and college entrance assistance. He was very receptive to the information and followed through with all the requirements and suggestions provided.

John quickly became college-ready and entered ETSU in spring 2018. He is working on a B.S. in geosciences with an emphasis in paleontology and hopes to start a Master of Science in geosciences in the future if he can find the financial support. He is balancing taking care of his mother and keeping his small business running, which has made it difficult for him to continue his education.

John began college with determination, a positive attitude, and success. The VUB staff agree that he is one of the most capable, intelligent, determined, and cooperative participants within VUB. We have been impressed by his professional demeanor, positive attitude, motivation to be successful, and maintaining a high GPA. Additionally, he has been active in school and community services, such as volunteering for ETSU's Geology Department outreach programs and assisting geology professors who are helping graduate students with their projects. John is an energetic, enthusiastic, and goal-oriented individual who is an inspiration. John is commended for winning the SAEOPP Scholarship.

# Jessie Carter, Author, Filmmaker, Storm Chaser



Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) would like to highlight Air Force veteran Jessie Carter, and all his accomplishments and future endeavors. Jessie joined VUB in the winter of 2023 and utilized the program's tutoring services to prepare for his enrollment in a bachelor's

degree program. He also took advantage of local support services and was approved for the Veterans Readiness and Employment (VR&E) program. While he pursues his degree, he is working part-time in Military and

Veteran Services at East Tennessee State University.

"My name is Jessie Carter, and I am currently a Meteorology student at Mississippi State University. I am a father, husband, filmmaker, and storm chaser. I can now add a published author to that list. I've always loved telling stories, whether that medium is a film or a book. The book, *Nightmare in The Storm*, will be released in the first quarter of 2025. Soon after, I will go out during tornado season to chase tornados on the plains with my closest friends and a documentary film crew. During that time, I hope to collect data that will decrease false warnings and increase warning response times. My challenge to you is to surround yourself with people who use the word CAN and distance yourself from those too familiar with the word CAN'T."

## VUB's Spring 2025 Postsecondary Enrollment

<u>East Tennessee State University</u>		<u>Liberty University</u>	
Dean Beckley	Air Force	Michael Fleming	Army
Christopher Behrend	Navy	<u>Northeast State Community College</u>	
Bryan Davis	Air Force	Phillip Dishner	Army
Bilinda Gregory	Air Force	Michael Dublin	Army
Kyle Hart	Air Force	Terrance Elder	Navy/AR
Harold Hulbert	Army	Richard Miller	Marine Corp
Mark Johnson	Army	<u>Tennessee College of Applied Technology</u>	
Connor Lancaster	Army	<u>Elizabethton</u>	
Benjamin Moore	Army	William Wilson	Army
Michael Mullins	Army	<p><b>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.</b></p>	
Dustin Murphy	Marine Corp		
Ashley Raynor	Navy		
Elic Thomas	Army		
Timothy Vaughn	Navy		

## VUB's Summer/Fall 2024 Postsecondary Graduates

<u>East Tennessee State University</u> <u>Baccalaureate Degree</u>		<u>Purdue University Global</u> <u>Baccalaureate Degree</u>	
James Glover	Anthropology	**Alvina Kitchen	Health Information Management
*Kenton Rowe	Political Science	**Summa Cum Laude	
Daniel Tucker	Computing	<p><b>The staff of Veterans Upward Bound would like to congratulate all our veterans on the completion of their degrees. It has been a long haul, but we are sure you will agree that it is all worth it.</b></p>	
*Magna Cum Laude			

**EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY VETERANS UPWARD BOUND**  
**VUB 2025 SPRING SEMESTER: JANUARY 21 - MARCH 28**  
**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<sup>®</sup> TUTORING is available to all eligible veterans.

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

Topic: VUB Zoom<sup>®</sup> 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 Spring 2025 Semester ~ January 21 ~ March 28**

**Martin Luther King Day ~ January 20 (Offices Closed)**

**VUB Summer 2025 Semester ~ March 31 ~ May 30**

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## Financial Literacy Information

### Financial Literacy

Over the next few Veterans Upward Bound newsletters we will be starting a series highlighting basic financial literacy for our participants and students. We will utilize a financial literacy article and interactive module from the website Khan Academy. The article is very well laid out and contains a lot of very useful information with interactive exercises and videos.

Welcome to Financial Literacy!

This course is designed to help you better understand the financial world around you. The objectives of this course are to help you:

- understand basic financial concepts
- develop good budgeting habits
- know how to invest your money wisely
- feel confident in making informed financial decisions

No matter your age or background, there is always more to learn when it comes to money. This course will introduce you to a variety of topics, from budgeting to investing, and everything in between.

One of the most important things to keep in mind while taking this course is that you don't need any special skills to be financially savvy. While some concepts may seem complicated at first, you'll find that they are all based on a few key principles. We'll make sure to break down each topic in a way that is easy to understand, even if you're starting from scratch.

In addition to the articles and videos in this course, we've included a number of exercises for you to complete. These are designed to help you apply the concepts you've learned to your own life. While it's important to try to follow the suggestions as closely as possible, remember that any effort you make to improve your financial literacy is a success. By putting your knowledge into practice, you'll be able to build a stronger foundation for a financially sound future.

So, what are you waiting for? Dive in and get started on your journey to financial literacy today!

*Khan Academy. (n.d.). Khan Academy. <https://www.khanacademy.org/college-careers-more/financial-literacy>*

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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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