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Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.
~Chinese Proverb

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WSU Student Finds Success



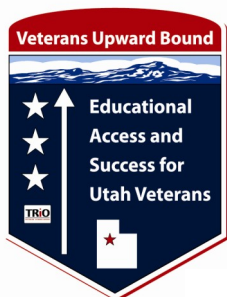
Joe Schlichter is a friendly, hardworking WSU student who entered the VUB program this past fall. Joe's visits to the VUB Office are always anticipated by everyone because of his funny and upbeat nature, and when Joe walks in the door with a smile on his face and excitement in his voice, it is hard to imagine that less than a year ago, he couldn't even walk.

A Construction Electrician in the Navy CBs for 8 ½ years, Joe likes to joke about how during all his service time he never saw a ship. Joe's service ended, however, when he was injured in a fall from a telephone pole, but his military experience helped him to hone his skills as an electrician. Following his time in the Navy, Joe went on to become a Master Electrician and worked in that capacity until his previous injury came back to haunt him. There was always a chance that problems related to his back injury could return, but he, of course, hoped for the alternate outcome. Unfortunately last year,

his back just finally gave out, and he was forced to not only address his health issues but also find another line of work.

Retraining for a different profession turned out to be the best decision Joe ever made because he is having the time of his life in college. Majoring in Environmental Geology, Joe's ultimate goal is to return to Italy (where he was stationed for 3 ½ years) to work once he finishes his degree. His major is not an easy one, but Joe works hard at his studies, stating that he "didn't come to college for Cs," and strives for at least a B average. Taking advantage of the excellent VUB tutors, Joe has been able to maintain that grade level so far. Joe not only enjoys the services of VUB but also appreciates the camaraderie and friendship he has with other VUB students as well as the office staff. "I just love everybody here," explains Joe, noting that he always comes to the VUB office when he has questions because he knows he can trust the answers to be "true and applicable."

When not in school, Joe spends his limited spare time with his family and a few close friends, enjoying activities like camping and playing a crazy card game called *Killer Bunnies*. He also coaches his son's baseball team. Joe has been married to the "love of his life," Allison, for almost 18 years, and they have two children, Valery, 16, and Liam, 12.



From the Director's Desk



Donna Rigby, VUB Director

Dear VUB Participants:

As we near the close of another academic year, I wanted to congratulate the VUB participants who have worked hard to improve their academic skills and prepare themselves to succeed at postsecondary programs of study. Schooling beyond high school is proven to improve the economic status of those who earn degrees as well as their families—not only for the near future, but also for generations to come. Your determination and hard work will pay dividends for your children, grandchildren, and even your great-grandchildren. I applaud you for your willingness to sacrifice and work hard for their benefit as well as for your own.

The purpose of Veterans Upward Bound is to assist you in that effort and all of us who work here are proud to be part of such a worthwhile program. In keeping with our mandate to improve and maximize your chance for educational success, I want to remind you about some of our programs and tell you about a few upcoming events.

Scholarships. Each year, the State VA Office offers two scholarships to Veterans Upward Bound participants. The deadline for the next competition is April 15. This is a \$500 cash award paid the third week of Fall Semester, upon proof of enrollment in a postsecondary program. I encourage you to apply for these scholarships. The applica-

tion information is available online or through our office.

Online Learning. Veterans Upward Bound offers online instruction through the Passkey, to program participants who may not be able to participate fully in regular coursework and tutoring services. This program offers instruction in English, math, and science and is available free to VUB participants. If this is a service you would like to utilize, please contact the office to set up an account. As always, tutors are available to answer any questions you might have while working with Passkey.

Refresher Courses. This summer, as we have for the past two semesters, VUB is offering 8-week refresher courses in math and English. The instructors, Jim Shepherd and Yulia Goff, offer excellent programs designed to help you test higher on the academic placement tests at both Weber and SLCC. Those who have successfully completed the math refresher course have been able to re-take the test and have placed directly into college-level courses. This is a great savings to them in both time and money.

English 0955. This summer, Veterans Upward Bound will offer the 6-credit English 0955 to VUB project participants for only \$60, a recording fee cost. Textbooks and other course materials will be supplied free of charge. Again, successful completion of the course (a grade of "C" or better) will enable participants to enter college-level English classes without having to use GI Bill benefits for this developmental course. However, should you desire to use your GI Bill to pay for this course, it **IS** GI Bill eligible. You can sign up for the course through our office.

Annual Evaluation. We are always looking for ways to serve our participants better. You will soon receive an online evaluation to be completed. This is an anonymous evaluation and helps us to change or revise project services to better meet your needs. You will be asked to evaluate instruction and instructors as well as give suggestions on areas of improvement. We hope that you will complete the short survey as soon as you receive it, so we can make necessary adjustments and additions to the program.

Veterans Upward Bound Awards Banquet. On May 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ogden Marriott Hotel, Veterans Upward Bound will be hosting an awards banquet for current participants. On this occasion we plan to recognize outstanding VUB students with certificates and prizes, present the winners of the annual scholarship competition, and also give the annual Veterans Upward Bound Golden Grenade Award to a person in the community who has given outstanding service to veterans throughout his life. You will soon receive a formal invitation to this special event for yourself and a guest. We hope you can attend and support us and your fellow VUB participants. We plan to have a van available for SLCC participants who would like to carpool.

These are just a few of the upcoming activities that your membership in VUB allows you to participate in. I encourage you to take full advantage of this program. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me. I am more than willing to help you. Your individual success in pursuit of your education is important to me. With VUB's commitment and your determination, we can make this educational process an enjoyable one.

VUB Announces English 0955 Class

Veterans Upward Bound, through WSU, will be offering English 0955 Summer Semester 2010. This is a great opportunity for VUB students to earn course credit at a minimal cost.

This 6-credit hour course is open only to VUB students. In addition to regular WSU required course components, the VUB class will offer additional financial literacy and study skills instruction.

Call the VUB office (801.626.7173) for registration details. There is a \$10/credit hour recording fee required by the university, but no other fees are

charged to VUB participants. Course begins May 3, 2010. GI Bill funds may be used to pay the recording fee.

Day: M-F

Time: 8:30-9:20 a.m.

Place: Annex 12



This Month in Military History

APRIL

1775 - British troops under LTC Francis Smith, with MAJ John Pitcairn, Royal Marines, as second in command, marched to Lexington MA and fired on American minutemen on the town green, beginning the American Revolution (Revolutionary War).

1861 - South Carolina state troops under GEN P.G. T. Beauregard began the bombardment of Fort Sumter, in the harbor of Charleston, SC, beginning the Civil War

1865 - General Robert E. Lee surrendered his remaining Confederate forces to General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia, effectively ending the Civil War.

1908 - United States Army Reserve established

1942 - Fall of Bataan and start of the Bataan Death March (WWII).

1942 - The Navy accepts African Americans for general service.

1945 - Invasion of Okinawa began (WW II).

1945 - German Unconditional Surrender to Italian Allies (WW II).

1949 - NATO was established.

1953 - Battle of Pork Chop Hill (Hill 255) began (Korean War).

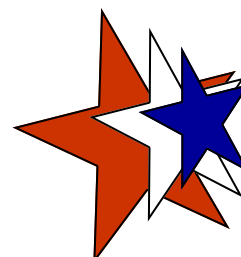
1991 - Persian Gulf War official cease fire begins (Persian Gulf War).

Still Have Questions About Post 9/11 GI Bill?

Many veterans still have questions about the new Post 9/11 GI Bill. Most, if not all of the answers can be found at the www.gibill.va.gov website.

When considering moving to the new program, remember that you cannot move back if it doesn't suit you. Always make an informed decision before you take that step. For those of you already using the benefits under other chapters of the GI Bill, make sure to view the "comparison charts" available at the website. Some things covered under older programs, may not be covered under Post 9/11. Also, if you have already begun using an older program, and you complete 36 months (every last day), you can get an additional 12 months under the new program. That makes a total of 48 months. If you switch in the middle, you will be limited to 36 months of benefits.

Now that the Post 9/11 processing backlog is pretty much past, it is enticing to want to look into it more. I would just encourage each of you to be informed before you make the jump. Explore the website and compare the benefits of your current program alongside the new one.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 3

WSU- First Day of
Summer Semester

May 3-August 6

English 0955-WSU
M-F; 8:30-9:20

May 6

VUB Annual Awards
Banquet
6:30 pm—Ogden Marriott

May 17

SLCC- First Day of
Summer Semester

May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 <i>WSU-1stDay of Summer</i>	4	5 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>	6 <i>VUB Banquet</i>	7	8
9 <i>Mother's Day</i>	10	11	12	13	14	15 <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
16	17 <i>SLCC-1stDay of summer Semester</i>	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 <i>Memorial Day</i>					

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 3-August 6

English 0955-WSU
M-F; 8:30-9:20

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16	17	18	19
20 <i>Father's Day</i>	21 <i>1stDay of summer</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 3-August 6
English 0955—WSU
M-F; 8:30-9:20

July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5 <i>Independence Day (Observed)</i>	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 <i>Pioneer Day (Observed)</i>	24 <i>Pioneer Day</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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May 3-August 6
English 0955—WSU
M-F; 8:30-9:20

August 5
SLCC-Last Day of
Summer Semester

August 6
WSU-Last Day of
Summer Semester

August 6
SLCC Commencement

August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 <i>SLCC-Last Day of Summer Semester</i>	6 <i>WSU-Last Day of Summer Semester</i>	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>SLCC-Commencement</i>	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Tyler Baranowsky and Jim Shepherd

Student Rewarded for Efforts

VUB instructor Jim Shepherd rewards student Tyler Baranowsky with a \$50 gift card to the WSU Bookstore for successfully completing the VUB Math B course. In addition to the gift card, the time spent with Jim allowed Tyler to increase his math skills, resulting in a higher

placement. Tyler is now able to avoid developmental classes that do not count toward his college degree. VUB courses are an effective way to refresh and enhance your skills. Math A will next be offered Fall Semester 2010, with Math B following in Spring 2011.

Scholarships for VUB Participants Available

Veterans Upward Bound, along with the Department of Veterans Affairs State of Utah, is once again offering two \$500 scholarships to VUB students. This cash scholarship is given directly to the student to use as needed for school-related expenses.



Potential scholarship recipients will be students who are currently participating in the VUB program or have completed the program and will be enrolled at a post-secondary institution for Fall

2010. Applications must be received in the VUB Office by Thursday, April 15, 2010, in order to be considered. Application forms may be obtained by emailing vub@weber.edu or stopping into the VUB Office on the WSU campus. Materials are also available on our website:

www.weber.edu/vetsupwardbound

News You Can Use. . . .



VUB Banquet Planned

Veterans Upward Bound's Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, beginning at 6:30 pm at the Marriott Hotel in Ogden. VUB participants and a guest are invited. Winners of the Golden Grenade Award and the VUB Scholarships will be honored. A variety of student awards and prizes will also be given. In addition, special guest speakers as well as entertainment are planned.

Mark your calendars for this fun night out filled with good company and good food. Formal invitation will be sent soon.

National Resource Directory

The Departments of Veterans Affairs, Defense, and Labor relaunched a new and improved Web site for wounded warriors – the National Resource Directory (NRD).



www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov

This directory provides access to thousands of services and resources at the national, State and local levels to support recovery, rehabilitation and community reintegration. The NRD is a comprehensive online tool available nationwide for wounded, ill

and injured service members, veterans and their families. It includes extensive information for veterans seeking resources on VA benefits, including disability benefits, pensions for veterans and their families, VA healthcare insurance and the GI Bill. Other features include a fast, accurate search engine; a "bookmark and share" capability that allows NRD users to spread the word about valuable resources on Facebook, Twitter and other social networking sites.

Patriotic Graduation

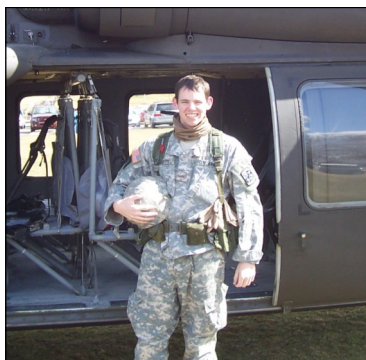
Veterans who will be graduating from Weber State University can now request red, white, and blue cords to be worn with their caps and gowns.

Order with your graduation supplies





VUB Staff Changes



Matthew Glover has just returned to school after a full time, two year mission for the Church Of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He is majoring in Political Science, and is currently involved with the ROTC program on campus.

Matthew was looking for a job that would keep him close to campus and would match his interests. "That is why Veterans Upward

Bound was so appealing to me," explains Matthew, "I wanted to work for a program whose goals and focus were so noble."

When not at work or school, Matthew enjoys reading, playing video games, and is a fan of the television show "The Office." His most favorite activity, however, is going to the gym. "Personal fitness has become my hobby of choice," says Matthew who spends 4 to 8 hours at the gym weekly. He also tries to follow a strict diet, although doughnuts are often to blame for the diet downfall.

Matthew plans on going into law school when he's done with college and is also considering joining the military. He comes from a large family and lives at home.



Todd Butler

has been part of the VUB Office staff since December 2009. Todd, however, was recently awarded an

incredible opportunity as a Human Resources Intern at Hill AFB.

Todd, who will be a senior at Weber State this coming Fall, applied for the internship and was selected out of a large number of candidates. The internship is part of the Civilian Personnel Staffing Branch at the base and has the potential to lead to permanent employment, something that Todd is striving to achieve. We will miss Todd, but we wish all the very best in his new position.

Help with Personal Finances



Upcoming Workshop The final workshop in a four-part series on Personal Finances is scheduled for Friday, April 16, from 1:30-3:30 pm at the VUB Office on the WSU campus. This last class will feature helpful information on investing, risk management and insurance, and identity theft.

All current VUB participants and their spouses/ significant others are welcome to attend, even if the previous three workshops were not attended. The workshop is stipend eligible and refreshments will be served.

Financial Coaching

AAA Fair Credit Foundation (FCF) is offering Financial Coaching services at cottages of Hope in Ogden, Utah. FCF is a national award-winning nonprofit credit counseling agency which provides credit and debt counseling, financial education training, debt management relief plans, credit report coaching, and asset-building solutions.

FCF's mission is to teach individuals and couples how to save, spend, invest, borrow, and manage their finances wisely to improve financial well-being and quality of life.

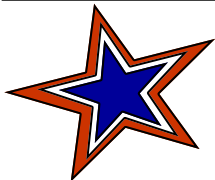
Appointments are available at Cottages of Hope (2724 S Washington Blvd., Ogden) every 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. For an appointment, call 800-351-4195.

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VUB Summer 2010 Drop-in Tutoring/Enrollment Advisor Schedule

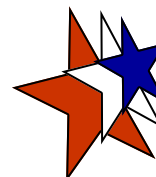
WSU—Annex 12 (May 3—August 6)

Math Tutoring

Monday & Wednesday — 8 am-4:30 pm
Tuesday & Thursday — 8 am-4:30 pm
Friday — By appointment

English & Computer Literacy Tutoring

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday —
8 am—12 pm



SLCC—Redwood (May 17—August 5)

Math Tutoring

Monday & Wednesday — 1 pm-5 pm (CT 194)
Tuesday & Thursday — 3 pm-7pm (BB 330A)
Friday — 12 pm-4pm (SC 059)

English & Computer Literacy Tutoring

Tuesday & Thursday — 1 pm-5 pm (AD 249)

VUB Enrollment Advisor (May 3—August 6)

WSU-Annex 12

Monday — 8 am-4:30 pm
Wednesday — 8 am-10:30 am
Friday — By appointment

WSU Davis

Wednesday —1 pm-3 pm (Rm 255)

SLCC-Redwood

Tuesday & Thursday — 8:30 am-10:30 am (SC 059)

SLCC—South Campus

Thursday — 12:30 pm-2:30 pm (W-154)