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VUB Annual Awards Banquet

Veterans Upward Bound held their 23rd annual awards banquet on Friday, May 22, 2015 at the Carroll Knicely Conference Center located on WKU's south campus. We here at VUB wish to extend our gratitude to all our guests who attended this year's banquet and made it a success. We owe all our success to your participation in our program.

We were honored to have as our guest speaker, Jenean Hampton, a United States Airforce Veteran and a current candidate for Kentucky Lt. Governor.

This year's alumnus of the year recipient was Henry Damron. Henry is a United State Marine Corp veteran and was recently recognized as the Metcalfe County Teacher of the Year.



Henry Damron, VUB Alumnus of the Year, and Rick Wright

The VUB Student of the Year recipient was Karyn O'Neal. Karyn is a United States Navy veteran and is currently pursuing her nursing degree at South Central Kentucky Community and Technical College.



Karyn O'Neal, VUB Student of the Year, and Beth England



Jenean Hampton, Keynote Speaker and USAF Veteran & Lt. Governor Candidate

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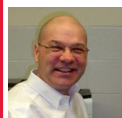
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SCHOLARSHIPS



Derek Brauer was presented the MOAA Wive's Club Scholarship of \$225 by Col. Robert Spiller. Derek is attending WKU pursuing his nursing degree.



Edmond Schwab, Sr. was presented the Col. And Mrs. Robert E. Spiller Scholarship of \$300 by Col. Robert Spiller. Ed is attending WKU pursuing his broadcasting degree.



Kyle Johnson was presented the American Legion Post 23 Scholarship of \$500 by Mike Kenney. Kyle is attending WKU pursuing his nursing degree.



Karyn O'Neal was presented the VFW Post 1298 Scholarship of \$500 by Quartermaster Susan Slaton. Karyn is attending South Central Kentucky Community & Technical College pursuing her nursing degree.



Pictured right: Zackery Hoffer was presented the Col. Joe Wright Memorial Scholarship of \$600 by LTC Roy Lawrence. Zackery attends WKU and is pursuing his elementary education degree. He has also been selected to be this year's nominee for NAVUB scholarship.



Karyn O'Neal was presented the KAEOPP Adult Learner Scholarship of \$350 by KAEOPP Board Member Imari Hazelwood. Karyn is attending South Central Kentucky Community & Technical College pursuing her nursing degree.



Philip Parsons was presented the KAEOPP VUB/EOC Scholarship of \$350 by KAEOPP Board Member Imari Hazelwood. Philip is attending WKU pursuing his social work degree.

News and Notes

WKU Glasgow Schedules Grand Opening of Veteran Resource Center

After several months of planning, university administrators and military officials are well on their way to bringing a Veterans Resource Center to Glasgow's regional campus of WKU. Bill Walter, Regional Vice Chancellor at WKU Glasgow and a United States Air Force veteran, spearheaded the effort which will come to fruition at the Grand Opening Ceremony scheduled for **September 2, 2015 at 10:00 AM.**

The Grand Opening will be held in RM 131 on the first floor of the Glasgow campus. A few familiar faces will take part in the ceremony, as well as staffing the VRC after opening. Tonya Archey, United States Navy Retired (USN RET), director of [WKU Military Student Services](#) here on the main campus, and VUB's Outreach Coordinator, Krystol Stinson (USN RET) have been involved with the project from the beginning and will be staffing the center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, respectively.

Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony and tours of the center will be available. Both Archey and Stinson will be on hand in the center to answer any questions.



Veterans Upward Bound Office Associate, Bertha Hunter greeted everyone as they arrived with TRIO Director, Martha Sales.



TRIO Director, Martha Sales, offered opening remarks and greetings to those in attendance.

The staff of Veterans Upward Bound congratulates the following students for completing their degree program:

Joseph Avis	SKYCTC	Summer 2014
Bobby Burrell	SKYCTC	Fall 2014
Jerry Carrell	WKU	Spring 2014
Tyler Childress	Elizabethtown Community College	Summer 2014
Jonathon Crump	WKU	Fall 2014
April Dutton-Peterson	Ross Medical Education Center	Spring 2015
Joel Extine	WKU	Fall 2014
Billy Honeycutt	WKU	Fall 2014
Granville Hood	SKYCTC	Fall 2014
Kiyotaka Izumi	SKYCTC	Summer 2014
Bobby Jent	SKYCTC	Summer 2014
Ryan Maynard	SKYCTC	Summer 2014
Michael Mitchell	WKU	Spring 2014
Karrie Morris	SKYCTC	Spring 2014
Mark Murrell	SKYCTC	Fall 2014
Philip Parsons	Hopkinsville Community College	Fall 2013
Jacob Peterson	SKYCTC	Fall 2014
Joseph Ramsey	SKYCTC	Winter 2015
Sean Ray	SKYCTC	Winter 2015
Alan Reeves	SKYCTC	Fall 2014
Scott Sweetsir	WKU	Fall 2014
Kristie Webb	Troy University	Fall 2014
Marvin Williams	SKYCTC	Summer 2014
Robert Wilson	WKU	Fall 2014



1st Annual Bowling Green Operation Stand Down Veterans Event

August 14, 15, 16 2015

**KY National Guard Armory
900 Morgantown Rd.
Bowling Green, Ky 42101**

Free Services for Veterans will include:

**VA Homeless Program
Employment Information
VA Enrollment
VA Claims Assistance
Medical Screening
Legal Services
Haircuts
And many other services**

**Military Ball * WWII Veteran Speaker * Silent
Auction * Live Entertainment**

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The Director's Desk



Greetings, friends of VUB! I was unable to attend the banquet this past May due to a family emergency, so I'd like to take a moment to offer my own congratulations and thanks to several special people.

First, congratulations to all our VUB completers who will be attending school this fall, as well our alumni who successfully completed their post-secondary degrees this year. I'd also like to congratulate all our local scholarship winners, who collectively earned an impressive total of \$8,525 in scholarships. And of course my congratulations go to this year's two big award winners: Karyn O'Neal (VUB Student of the Year) and Henry Damron (VUB Alumni of the year). The successes of each and every person honored at the banquet highlight the reasons we do what we do.

We're very proud to honor you all.

I'd also like to extend a very special thanks to our guest speaker Jenean Hampton, Air Force veteran and current candidate for Lt. Governor, for taking time out of her busy campaign schedule to help us celebrate our students' successes. And finally, I'd like to thank TRIO Director Martha Sales and the entire staff of VUB for making sure that everything ran smoothly when I was called away at the last minute. I'm extremely thankful to be surrounded by so many incredible, selfless people, and I'm proud of all the work they do to support veterans in southcentral Kentucky.

Davy Stone



Important Numbers and Dates

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Department of Employment Services, Bowling Green
Don "Mac" McGlothlin (270) 746-7265

VA Regional Office, Louisville
(502) 566-4482

VA Regional Office, Nashville, TN
(615) 695-6384

VA Medical Center, Louisville
(502) 287-4000

VA Medical Center, Nashville, TN
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Military Records Branch, Frankfort
(502) 607-6040

American Legion, Bowling Green
(270) 781-3574 Veterans Service Officer
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August 7 ACT Registration Deadline for Sept.

August 14-16 Operation Stand Down

August 17 SKYTC Classes begin for Fall

August 24 WKU Classes begin for Fall

September 2 Glasgow WKU Veterans Resource Center Grand Opening

September 7 Labor Day—VUB Offices Closed

September 12 ACT Test Date

September 18 ACT Registration Deadline for Oct.

October 24 ACT Test Date

*Please call early for information on test dates. VUB may pay testing fees, but to do so we must have your application at least six weeks prior to the registration postmark deadline.

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