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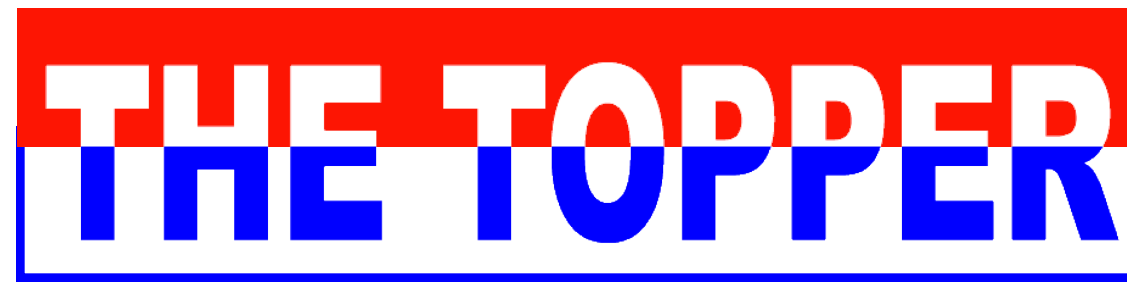


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May 31	Memorial Day (VUB Closed)
Jun 12	ACT Test Date
Jul 5	VUB Closed in Observance of Independence Day, Sunday Jul 4
Aug 5	Last Day of VUB Summer Classes
Aug 6	ACT Registration Deadline, Sep 11
Aug 30	First Day of VUB Fall Classes
Sep 6	Labor Day (VUB Closed)
Sep 11	ACT Test Date
Sep 17	ACT Registration Deadline, Oct 23
Oct 23	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.



VETERANS UPWARD BOUND ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Veterans Upward Bound held their 18th annual awards banquet at Mariah's restaurant on May 7. Speaking to the audience during the welcoming announcements was Mr. Dale Brown, Interim Associate Vice President, Enrollment Management in Academic Affairs.



Randy Wilson, VUB director.

This year's banquet was the fourth year of the awarding of the Col. Joe Wright Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). The recipient of the \$1,200 scholarship was Jerry Carrell. Announcing the award was Bob Fulton of MOAA, Cumberland Trace chapter. Jerry is a current student of VUB and enrolling at WKU for the fall 2010 semester.

Other scholarship recipients were David Phelps, receiving a scholarship from the local Veterans of Foreign Wars. Presenting the VFW Scholarship (\$500) was Dean Frazier. David was also nominated for the NAVUBPP scholarship. The winner of will be announced in June 2010.

Kymric Wagoner was awarded the American Legion Scholarship (\$500) by Lt. Col. Mike Kenney (ret.). The Veterans Upward Bound scholarship (\$300) was awarded to Danny Murrell. Danny will begin attending KCTCS in May to major in engineering technology. Andrea Hester was awarded the Frederic Charles Hoechner scholarship (\$200).

Award winner for the *Alumni of the Year* was Ben Upton. Ben completed VUB in



Kymric Wagoner, recipient of the American Legion scholarship.



Danny Murrell, recipient of the VUB scholarship.

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Career Transitions is a program that gives scholarships to anyone who has been laid off from work and attends a college in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. The scholarship pays half of a student's tuition for up to six credit hours (generally two classes) each semester.

To receive the scholarship, stu-

dents must live in Kentucky and filed for unemployment benefits since October 2008. The program is offered at 16 KCTCS schools across the state, including Bowling Green Technical College.

The program also give students help filling out federal financial aid forms, extra advising and training, and additional help with the admissions process.

For Bowling Green Technical College, contact Debbie Smith (270) 534-3479.



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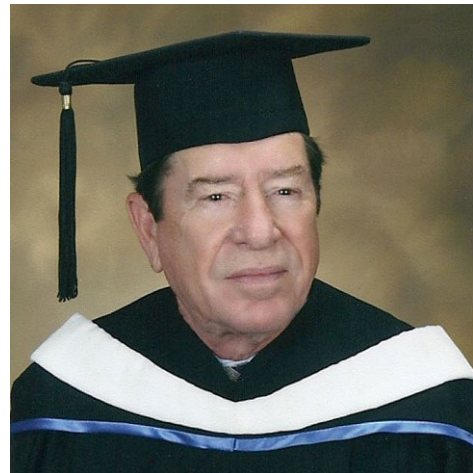


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June 2007 and graduated from WKU in May 2010 with a Bachelors of Art degree in psychology.

This year's *Dare to Dream* award went to Richard Burnette. Richard graduated from WKU in December 2009 with a Bachelors of Art degree in history.



Richard Burnette, Dare to Dream award recipient.

Student of the Year was awarded to Penny Allison. Penny completed the VUB program in September 2009 and is currently majoring in middle grades education at WKU.

Classroom Achievement certificates were awarded to Freeman Bridges, Roger Halcomb, Kent Johnson, Ryan Maynard, Danny Murrell, and Katie Ward.

VUB students that have achieved degrees since our last awards banquet:

- ♦ Richard Burnette—BA
- ♦ Kevin Crum—BS
- ♦ Roger Halcomb—Certification
- ♦ Steve Jewell—AA
- ♦ Jeff Treece—BS
- ♦ Ben Upton—BA
- ♦ Jessie Varner—AA

The following is a list of VUB students

that have completed VUB and enrolled in postsecondary education since our last awards banquet:

- ♦ Jason Adkison—WKU
- ♦ Penny Allison—WKU
- ♦ Todd Bastean—WKU-Glasgow
- ♦ Jerry Carrell—WKU
- ♦ Craig Cardoso—KCTCS-BGTC
- ♦ Robert Davis—KCTCS-BGTC
- ♦ Mathew Gaskill—WKU
- ♦ Roger Halcomb—A-Pass-Weikel Institute
- ♦ Alexander Janczak—WKU
- ♦ Kent Johnson—WKU
- ♦ Tami Madson—KCTCS-Glasgow
- ♦ Mary Lora—WKU
- ♦ Ryan Maynard—WKU
- ♦ Mark Murrell—KCTCS-BGTC
- ♦ Nick Orbersen—WKU
- ♦ David Phelps—WKU
- ♦ Joshua Reid—Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- ♦ Melvin Ross—WKU
- ♦ Ramona Sowders—WKU
- ♦ William Swaney—WKU
- ♦ Brian Thomas—WKU-Glasgow
- ♦ Jessie Varner—WKU
- ♦ Phillip Weber—WKU
- ♦ Kymric Wagoner—KCTCS-BGTC
- ♦ Robert Wilson—WKU

VUB awarded a special certificate of



Lt. Col. Mike Kenney (ret.)

recognition to Lt. Col. Mike Kenney (ret.) for all the years of devotion he has bestowed upon VUB in getting the word out about our program. He is selfless and all of us at VUB are highly appreciative of all his efforts.

We here at VUB wish to extend thanks to all our guests who attended this year's banquet and made it a resounding success. We want to remind all our students that we owe our success to your participation in our program. The scholarships we make available is our way of honoring a few of those students. Those students interested in scholarship opportunities for next year should apply between mid-March to early spring. Check with VUB if you are interested: 745-5310.

A FEW OF OUR BANQUET GUESTS:



Mr. & Mrs. James Bucklew

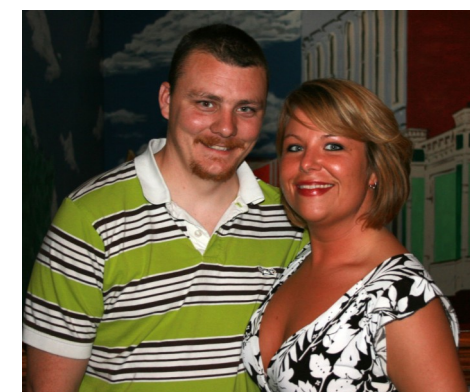


Robert Davis and guest

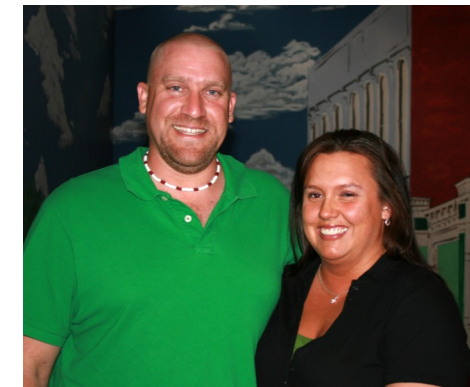


Veterans Upward Bound now has a Facebook page. For those not familiar with Facebook, it is a free social networking access website that is operated and privately owned by Facebook, Inc. Users can join networks organized by city, workplace, school, and region to connect and interact with other people. People can also add friends and send them messages, and update their personal profiles to notify friends about themselves.

The website's name refers to the paper facebook depicting members of a campus community that some US colleges and preparatory schools give to incoming students, faculty, and staff as a way to get to know other people on campus. The website currently has more than 200 million active users worldwide. To access Facebook, go to www.facebook.com and become a member and a VUB friend.



Andrea Hester and guest



Mr. & Mrs. Kymric Wagoner

The Director's Desk

The process of enrolling at a four-year college can make all the difference in determining whether a student gets a seat in an entering class or is left behind.

There are five crucial steps to getting ready for a four-year college:

1. *Attaining minimal college qualifications.*
2. *Actually applying to a college.*
3. *Taking the SAT test.*
4. *Taking the ACT test.*
5. *Having the aspirations to acquire a bachelor's degree.*

Studies show that students who fail to take the SAT or ACT in both 10th and 12th grades will find the odds of attending a four-year college soon after their graduation from high school stacked heavily against them.

Completing all five steps is a strong predictor of college enrollment that can help offset the effects of socioeconomic disadvantage. By focusing on accomplishing a five-step college application gauntlet, high schools, colleges, and public-policy makers can help ensure that many more students will have access to a four-year college education.

Studies have revealed that the decision to attend a four-year college is not one students make once, but one they make several times. Students need to stick to a fairly rigid timetable in doing what is necessary to enroll in a four-year college. Completion of some steps—such as taking the SAT or ACT or filling out college applications—can be strong, positive motivators with the completion of other steps down the road.

Meeting with college counselors or college representatives are not absolutely essential, but can substantially increase a student's chances for both completing other steps and eventually enrolling in a four-year institution.

Currently, at least four out of five students either entertain the possibility of attending a four-year college, take the SAT or ACT, or attain minimal academic qualifications for college, but just two out of five end up enrolling in a four-year institution after their graduation from high school. Make sure that YOU use these five steps in a timely manner.

Notes and News

WKU has a new program to assist students. wkuREAL (Reaching Each Adult Learner) is staffed by three adult learner counselors who will help potential students:

- Fill out forms for necessary for admission and financial aid (FAFSA)
- Seek career counseling and program choice
- Learn to navigate the WKU web pages
- Find support services on campus (tutoring, counseling, diversity programs, etc.)
- Answer questions related to the needs/challenges of adults going to college.

For more information, call 270-745-3575 or visit our website at www.wku.edu/real

