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2005 VUB Awards Banquet

Everyone likes recognition for his/her successes. On Friday evening, April 29, the VUB staff recognized successful students from the 2004-2005 school year at the 13th annual Veterans Upward Bound Awards Banquet at the Holiday Inn University Plaza Hotel.

First, Mr. Don Mudd of VFW Post #1298 presented Director Randy Wilson with a check for the local scholarship fund. This year's scholarship winner is Glenda Murley.

Counselor/Coordinator Martha Kenney recognized students who have completed certificates or degrees. Both John Enlow and David Ramsey received certificates from KCTCS, while Melissa Lebo Steele received an Associates degree. David Angle, Bill Basham, Kelly Culp, Henry Damron, Carl Garrett, John Maloney and Bryan Mink all received Bachelors degrees.

Former VUB intern and 2002 Alumni of the Year Marisa Duarte continued her education by completing her Masters degree. This year, the Alumni of the Year award was given to David Angle, an excellent student who has been very supportive of the VUB program throughout his time both at VUB and WKU.

Instructor Cassie Zippay recognized (Continued on page 2: Banquet)

Instructor Marlys Garman Retires

Marlys Garman, the evening teacher for several years in Bowling Green and recent daytime teacher in Glasgow, announced her resignation at the end of the May. She emphasized she loves VUB and will miss the students and staff, but she'll remain very busy. We will miss Marlys and we wish her the best in her new activities.

Student Spotlight: Doug Nelson

Who's in the VUB classroom almost as much as the instructors? Doug Nelson, that's who. Since August of 2004, Doug has been a regular tutoring student at VUB. After a more than twenty-year career with the United States Air Force, this retired military man is completing his Bachelor of Science in Professional Aeronautics at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL. No, Doug doesn't fly between Embry-Riddle and VUB in Bowling Green; instead, he takes all his classes online. A participant of VUB through the Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation program, Doug receives tutoring to help him with college classes like algebra, literature, and professional writing.

(Student Spotlight)
those students who have displayed outstanding effort while refreshing their skills at VUB. Receiving certificates were Bill Adams, Doug Nelson, Carl Potter, Neal Taylor, Bill VanHook, and Cary Wolfe.

The Dare to Dream award, given each year to a student who has overcome adversity in pursuit of an education, was presented by Instructor Davy Stone to Kevin Crum for not letting an Army injury hinder his pursuit of education.

A special Certificate of Appreciation was given to Carma Runner, who has used her own time and money to promote VUB to both the community and legislators.

Finally, Marlys Garman presented Kimberly Mack as the 2005 VUB Student of the Year, an award given to the student who exemplifies the successes we hope for all our students. Kim was the winner of the local VUB scholarship last year, as well as one of the 2005 winners of the National Association of Veterans Upward Bound Project Personnel (NAVUBPP) scholarship.

After all scholastic awards had been given, Office Associate Pat Ault and VUB student worker Kevin Crum drew names for door prizes which were generously donated from organizations throughout the community.

Clockwise from top: Counselor/Coordinator Martha Kenney introduces David Angle, VUB Alumni of the Year; WKU Associate Vice President Luther Hughes brings greetings from WKU and speaks about the importance of education; students and guests listen to the guest speaker; Dare to Dream award winner Kevin Crum; Director Randy Wilson awards the local VUB Scholarship to Glenda Murley; Director Randy Wilson thanks student Carma Runner for her activities and support of VUB.

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TRIO, VUB BUDGET BECOMING TIGHTER

UB is part of a group of education programs collectively known as TRIO, and TRIO budgets are becoming tighter and tighter. We have just been notified that we will be funded for another year, but we have the same amount to run the budget as the previous two years. That amount probably will not change for the last year of this cycle. With the cost of living increasing in the country, you can do the math and see that we may have to make some cuts as we go.

The Director ultimately has to make decisions about what program cuts to make. My goal, as VUB Director, will be to cut those "extra" items like mugs and t-shirts that don’t affect the academic quality of our program.

PARTICIPANT SUCCESS IN PSS

I just attended a training where it was reiterated from a document put out by the U.S. Department of Education that "95% of the VUB participants enrolled in post-secondary school are in good standing at their institutions." This means 95% are getting grades of 2.0 or better (C or better). Congratulations to all of you who fit into this category!!

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The local American Legion and VFW have donated more money to our scholarship fund. In addition, we received a donation from our supervisor, raising the amount of the fund by over $900 this year. That money gets added to the deposit amount and we award scholarships using only the interest that builds up. This year's scholarship amount is $300.
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*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.