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Thank you, Carmen!



After years of dedicated leadership, Carmen Lunak is stepping down from her role as Director of SSS and Veterans Upward Bound, effective July 13th. The VUB team—Michael, Michelle, Alex, and Laurie—extends a huge thank you to Carmen for her guidance, support, and profound commitment to Montana's veterans. We will miss her greatly and wish her nothing but happiness and success in her next chapter!

Veteran Resource Shout



In this edition of our Veteran Shout-Out, we would like to highlight all veterans! As we celebrate America's 250th birthday, we extend our deepest gratitude to all veterans, service members, and their families for your

immense sacrifices and the freedom your service has secured. The staff at Veterans Upward Bound is deeply honored to serve and support you throughout your educational journey. Thank you!

Up Coming Classes



Veterans Upward Bound's summer workshops and classes run July 20th through July 30th. Designed specifically to support veterans transitioning into or preparing for the Fall 2026 semester, this comprehensive two-week session offers valuable preparatory resources. If you are looking to sharpen your academic skills or explore new educational opportunities, we encourage you to enroll in our upcoming workshops.

Registration deadline is July 10, 2026

Need-To-Know

Veterans Upward Bound Laptop Program Update

VUB has recently updated eligibility requirements for the laptop program to better align with grant objectives and ensure compliance. Veterans are eligible if they are pursuing an education or training program or are actively seeking employment. Additional information is available at:

<https://vubmt.com/services/equipment/>

VUB Tip



"Those who won our independence believed liberty to be the secret of happiness and courage to be the secret of liberty."

~Louis D. Brandeis

Student Highlight



Congratulations to Chris on being selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the National Association of Veterans Upward Bound (NAVUB).

Every summer, NAVUB accepts applications from local VUB participants who are pursuing a college degree or a professional training program. Montana's VUB has been very fortunate to have a local veteran chosen as a recipient for a scholarship.

Did You Know

Did you know that Veterans Upward Bound has an active presence on social media? We regularly share important information and updates on Bluesky, Facebook, Instagram, Threads, X (formerly Twitter), and YouTube.

In the coming weeks, VUB will be expanding our YouTube content in several ways. Our VA work-study students will launch a monthly podcast focusing on veteran-centric topics and guest speaker interviews. Additionally, the VUB staff will begin posting weekly "Shorts" packed with educational insights and program details for veterans pursuing college, certificate programs, or workforce development.

If you aren't already following us, we invite you to join our online community! Head over to vubmt.com, scroll to the bottom of the page, and select the social media links on the right.

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