**Devon Adams**

Devon is 32 years old and has been a student with UBB since 2004. Devon works as a UBB Teaching Assistant and helps facilitate the UBB College Prep Math courses.  He enjoys helping others pursue their educational aspirations, and he is currently working toward his Bachelors of Specialized Studies. “UBB has given me more than just an opportunity to learn and pursue my degree, it has also allowed me to help others and find satisfaction in seeing them succeed. I am grateful for the life changing experiences this program has provided, and I am confident that the UBB will continue to transform the hearts and minds of us all.”

**Orlando Ames**

Orlando has been incarcerated since 1994 and a part of UBB since 2008. In December of 2011, Orlando earned his Associate of Arts degree and is now working on his Bachelor’s degree. “Although I have a passion for education, it’s the love and support of my family, friends, and members of UBB that have been the key to my educational success and growth. UBB works as a team towards the success of every student in achieving their educational goals, no matter how great or small. UBB continues to help me achieve my goals every day.”

**Steve Bartholomew**

(forthcoming)

**Michael Bassett**

Michael has been a student with UBB since the fall of 2010 and is currently working toward his Associate of Science degree.  His commitment to helping other UBB students was apparent from his first UBB course, and he now volunteers as a tutor to students in both Intermediate Algebra and College Prep Math. Michael won UBB’s first full scholarship in honor of his generosity in helping others and his commitment to the UBB mission and values. “UBB has been a great inspiration to my life. Through this program, I have developed a passion for higher education, which I think is the greatest form of rehabilitation. Without UBB, I don’t know what my life would consist of. I am thankful for all the people who keep the wheels turning.”

**Chris Blackwell**

(forthcoming)

**Jeremy Boone**

Jeremy has been involved with UBB since 2007 and is currently working toward his Bachelor’s degree in Behavioral Sciences.  ”I can’t imagine who I would be today if I weren’t given the opportunity that I have now  to really pursue the education. I can gladly say that I’m no longer the teenager that I was when I came to prison.  I am now a young adult with a bright future, even in prison.”

**Noel Caldellis**

Noel has been a student with UBB since 2009.  He works as a UBB Teaching Assistant and helps facilitate the UBB College Prep Math and Intermediate Algebra courses.  He earned his Associate of Science in the spring of 2012. Noel’s involvement on the Advisory Committee has helped him develop an interest in non-profit management. “Being part of UBB and the Advisory Committee has shown me that I am a good leader. I would love to take the skills I have learned here to the community.” Noel is now working on a Bachelor’s degree in sociology and non-profit management.

**Jeff Conner**

Jeff, a UBB student since 2004, says he is stupendously proud to have earned UBB’s first Associate’s degree.  He is currently working on finishing his Bachelor’s degree and hopes to polish it off before he releases in 2014. Upon release, Jeff hopes to join the UBB Educator’s Advisory Committee to “give back to the program that has given me so much.” As an acrylic painter, Jeff frequently donates his best paintings to the UBB fundraisers. In 2010, his short story, called “Fault,” won the Fielding Dawson prize of the PEN American Center. But as Jeff puts it, his “loquaciousness is allowed to stretch to its full awesomeness” as a regular guest writer on a prison-related website (minutesbeforesix.com). Be sure to read his “Time to Learn,” which is all about UBB. “I earned my Associate’s degree in prison with the help of UBB. At our graduation I was able to see something on my Mom’s face that I hadn’t seen since I’d come to prison—pride.”

**Felix D’Allesandro**

Felix has been a part of UBB since the beginning. During this time, he has been teaching himself Japanese and will help with UBB’s new Japanese course. Felix is currently working toward his Bachelor of Specialized Studies and enjoys psychology, English, evolutionary biology, and mathematics. “I believe strongly in the merits of education and finds it vital to the success of prisoners both within and without prison.”

**Jeff Foxx**

Jeff has been involved with UBB since 2008, and in the spring of 2012, Jeff completed the last required course to earn his Associate of Arts degree. “I have benefited tremendously from UBB and am a far different person from the 18-year-old who was first incarcerated. UBB is responsible for cultivating a new way of thinking and changing the prison culture that goes against the norm of the stereotypical, negative prison environment. The classrooms are filled with culturally diverse groups of men coming from all walks of life—men who normally would not have an opportunity to interact or discuss social issues. UBB is about education and positive change.”

**Joshua Goldman**

Josh is 26 years old and has been a UBB student since 2008. He’s only a few courses away from an Associate of Arts degree with an emphasis in Arts and Humanities. After earning his AA, he plans to work toward a Bachelors of Specialized Studies in Literature and Comparative Religion. In addition to his course load, Josh is working with other UBB students to create a sequence of Japanese courses. Josh believes that “Education is the key to bettering oneself, not only in prison, but in general.”

**Malcolm Jackson**

(forthcoming)

**Kris Larsen**

(forthcoming)

**Arthur Longworth**

Art has been involved with UBB since first coming to the Washington State Reformatory in 2008.  He currently works as a UBB Teaching Assistant and facilitates the UBB Spanish courses.  He is a published author, winning awards from the PEN American Center in 2008 and 2010. His first publication, *The Prison Diary of Arthur Longworth # 299180*, was published in 2008 and is available at www.universitybeyondbars.org. His writings are used in college courses at Dartmouth College, Boston University, The University of Texas at Austin, Santa Clara University in California, University of Washington, and Evergreen State College in Washington. He is adamant about the best path to positive change: “The single most important tool for personal reform is education.”

**Spencer Oberg**

(forthcoming)

**Tim Pauley**

Tim has been incarcerated for over 30 years, and during this time, he has discovered the tremendous and life-changing value of education.  Although it has taken him nearly 30 years, Tim earned his Associate of Science degree in 2011.  He is a published author and has been a proud member of the Advisory Committee since his arrival at WSR. Tim believes that “education liberates our minds beyond the oppression and prepares us to become something more than the six-digit numbers that have all too often replaced our names.”

**William Pawlyk**

Bill has been involved with UBB for more than ten years and has tutored with prison education programs at GED/ESL and community college levels for almost 20 years. Bill has facilitated the UBB College Prep Math, Intermediate Algebra, Small Business Management, and Human Geography courses, and he has given lectures on oceanography as part of UBB’s Arts and Lecture Series.  Bill already holds a Bachelor of Science and Masters in Business Administration. With UBB, he has completed courses in Astronomy, Human Geography, Legal Systems, the U.S. Supreme Court, and Restorative Justice. “UBB is an extremely valuable and effective program. I’ve seen men who have only experienced discouragement, negativity, and failure find pride of achievement, confidence, and a new hope due to UBB courses.”

**Atif Rafay**

Atif has been a student with UBB since 2006 and is pursuing a Bachelors of Specialized Studies in modern literary criticism and theory. He is currently at work on an honor’s thesis examining autonomy, fatalism, and suffering in the works of Nietzsche, Wilde, Kafka, Kubrick, and David Foster Wallace.  Atif helps with UBB College Prep English and tutors students working on calculus, composition, literature, and philosophy.  His essay “On the Margins of Freedom” appeared in the April 2011 issue of *The Walrus* and was selected for the anthology *Best Canadian Essays 2012.* “Bleak Housing and Black Americans” won First Prize in the 2012 PEN American Center’s Prison Writing Contest and was published in the *Journal of Poverty.* “An ‘Impossible Profession’?” is forthcoming in *Radical Teacher.* Among his notable failures is learning to play the piano, something he nevertheless keeps trying to do. “The intelligence and dedication of our faculty are constant, exacting invitations to excel — and they’re funny, too.”

**Voty Thol**

(forthcoming)

**RogelioVasquez**

(forthcoming)

**Anthony Wright**

Anthony is one of UBB’s first four students and a founding member of the Prisoners Advisory Committee.  Anthony facilitates the College Prep Math courses and tutors students in all levels of math, from pre-algebra to calculus. Anthony earned his Associate of Arts degree in December 2011 and is now working on his Bachelor’s. “UBB has been a life changing experience. To have people who don’t know you but believe in you more than you believe in yourself is enlightening. Through the UBB I have also learned how important a role I can play in helping others realize their worth.”