



CRIMINON

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STELLAR
NEWS

CRIMINON MEANS "NO CRIME" | REHABILITATION IS POSSIBLE

1ST QUARTER 2025



Criminon Florida...

is part of an international non-profit network dedicated to helping inmates learn to be productive members of society.

Practicing the 21 Virtues is like bringing water to a parched landscape...

STELLAR FACILITATORS - WE SALUTE YOU!

Criminon facilitators serve others by bringing the life-changing *The Way to Happiness* seminar to their institution

There is no higher calling than becoming a facilitator of *The Way to Happiness*, helping others restore their self-respect and find hope and happiness in lives that once seemed doomed to failure.

Taking responsibility for the well-being of one's fellows is not easy - it takes selfless dedication and confront, which L Ron Hubbard describes as the ability "to face without flinching or avoiding."

Stellar facilitator Timothy H. has been richly rewarded by seeing how his involvement improves the lives of others (see "Words from the Wise", page 3). There can be no doubt about the positive impact Timothy has had on the lives of seminar graduates from their successes.

Troy K. writes that he has learned "how to help others and make not only myself happy, but them as

well... this has changed my life." Josiah A. tells us the seminar "inspired me to attend the AA meeting" and understands now that "my relationships with others will be stronger if I am honest with them about my intentions." Desmond K. speaks of "the Criminon way of thinking" which allows him to ensure "a negative moment will not escalate." Victor W. sums up how *The Way to Happiness* changes the environment with these poetic words: "Practicing the Virtues in prison is like rainfall in a dry place, like a warm fire in the cold, like light in darkness. Inmates started seeking me out to talk to me - they were naturally drawn to and nourished by them."

We thank all our wonderful facilitators for changing the lives of others and for helping Criminon achieve its purpose. Share your wins with us for inclusion in a future Newsletter!

- The Criminon Florida Team





SUCCESSSES FROM THE WORLD OF STELLAR STUDENTS

LIFE-CHANGING KNOWLEDGE

Every single class I have walked away with something impactful. This has altered the course of my life from the knowledge that has been gained through its application. I cannot thank you all enough.
| John M.

WINS ON EVERY COURSE

I have experienced wins with all of the courses in the program. *The Way To Happiness* helped me with applying those daily virtues and precepts to my life. *The Learning Improvement Course* helped me understand a better way of learning and giving that back to others. *The Truth About Drugs* gave me the opportunity to understand about the different drugs and get a clearer understanding of the harmful drugs and their short and long term effects. *Personal Integrity* is what boosted up the way I saw things and my level of integrity on a personal level. *Ups & Downs in Life* helped me see things for what they were on the up

scale or down. *Successful Parenting Skills* taught me some things I never knew - I thought I was practicing healthy parenting skills, and came to find out I was totally wrong. Thanks.
| Jerrod W.

A GREAT AND PRACTICAL PROGRAM

Life is full of difficulties and many times in my life I've wanted to quit certain tasks because they were too difficult. I've wanted to do that a few times with Criminon because some of the work was difficult or I just didn't want to do it. I'm glad I didn't give up. Criminon is great and practical. It taught me not to give up so quickly, how to be successful, how to be happy with life, no matter how good or bad it gets. I thank you all at Criminon for this program and I thank Sam my supervisor for being with me through the entire thing.
| Chad S.

I CAN FACE THE TRUTH

Criminon Life Improvement Courses have provided a path for me to face the truth, guilt, and shame of my crime. These valuable lessons have given me the insight necessary to take complete responsibility for past, present and future choices and actions.
| Russell S.

UNDERSTANDING THE BASICS OF LIFE

When I came to prison it became clear I had to change. I made a promise to myself not to be a slave to anything. I learned how to be a better person in every way because it has taught me how to treat myself and others with respect. This program gave me a better understanding of the basics we use in everyday life. And I learned how to interact with my fellow community members. Happiness, learning improvement, drugs, integrity, ups and downs, parenting; "There is no person alive who cannot make a new beginning."
| Daniel G.



TOP STELLAR PLAYERS

Well done to all this quarter's players. Keep up the great work of getting others to improve their lives by starting on The Way To Happiness Course. Special congratulations to the seven highest scoring players!

Jason S. 200
Noel M. 135

Bjon L. 135
Alexandra T. 100

Donna P. 85
Robert F. 85

Dwayne L. 80



STELLAR STUDENTS

Very well done to all of the students listed here for becoming a Stellar Student this quarter!

Chad S.
Raymond W.

John M.
Russell S.



CAT'S CORNER

In an article titled *"Manners"*, Mr. Hubbard says, *"The original procedure developed by man to oil the machinery of human relationships was 'good manners'."*

Manners are the expression of respectful behavior and consideration toward others. They guide social interactions, ensuring politeness, kindness, and empathy—virtues also emphasized in *The Way to Happiness*, which teaches us to treat others as we would like to be treated.

Sadly, *"Good manners are less apparent in our times than they once were."* Yet, they remain essential for building trust and respect within families, friendships, and communities. Manners help others feel valued and understood, strengthening our connections.

They are demonstrated through simple, thoughtful actions:

- Greeting others appropriately; making them feel important
- Using polite language like "please" and "thank you"

- Respecting personal space
- Listening attentively and not interrupting
- Expressing gratitude and appreciation.

Manners and communication go hand in hand. Good manners enhance communication by fostering a respectful environment, while effective communication reflects those same values. Together, they form the basis for meaningful and productive relationships.

The importance of manners cannot be overstated. Though cultivating them is a lifelong effort, the rewards are profound. They are the cornerstones of healthy relationships and effective interactions. As Stellar students, continue to apply the precepts from *The Way to Happiness*—set a good example, and use good manners to "oil" your interactions with others.

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Cat

WORDS FROM THE WISE

After becoming a Stellar Graduate, I was motivated to become a Criminon facilitator. I have been rewarded by watching others improve the quality of their lives due to Criminon's *The Way To Happiness* course and my direct involvement. Engaging with the seminar participants has allowed me the opportunity to help others address their ill behaviors while increasing my insight as to why we offend and treat others as we do.

The Criminon program has improved my own confidence in presenting lessons and public speaking, which inspired me to further my education, and currently I am studying to obtain a Bachelor's degree.

Upon my release from prison, I hope to continue serving Criminon and help achieve its mission to eradicate recidivism by rehabilitating inmates, enabling them to return to their communities as contributing, productive citizens, thus achieving a society where individuals and families can live and prosper in a safe environment. Whatever I do, I am eager to serve my local community by using the skills I have developed as a Criminon Stellar and facilitator. - **Timothy H.**



We want to hear from you!

Tell us about your wins and successes.

Write us at Criminon Florida:

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THE WAY TO HAPPINESS HOW TO PLAY

The name of the game is getting new students onto and using the precepts of *The Way to Happiness* distance learning course. It's a win-win situation. You win, the students you enroll win, and others in your institution win too. YOU can make a difference in someone else's life!

- Signing up students is the first step. Choose people you think are ready for a change. Tell them about how much your life has changed since you started on the Criminon program, and in particular your wins from *The Way to Happiness* Course. Do they want changes in their life too?
- Give him/her one of the enclosed yellow course request cards. They can also write a letter requesting the course. A new student must be the one requesting to start *The Way to Happiness* Course. You cannot fill out a card and request it for him or her. **Remember, only give out yellow cards to NEW students, NOT to those already on the program.**
- Follow up with this person to make sure they received *The Way to Happiness* book and course materials. Make sure they are doing the lessons and sending them in. Completing the course is what we are going for, so they can apply the material to change their lives. Some may need extra help understanding the material. Many need reminders of how valuable the course is, and how important it is to keep sending their lessons in.
- Once we receive a request card or letter with your name on the referred-by line, you get 15 points for a sign-up. The office then sends materials out to your student. When their first lessons come into the office, you get another 35 points and when they complete the course, you get 50 additional points for a total of 100 for each student who completes.
- All your referred students and earned points are tracked and reported each quarter. There is no carry over from one quarter to another. Everyone starts the game with zero points at the start of a quarter.
- When 3 or more students you refer send in their first lesson, you will receive a commendation from Alison at the end of the quarter.
- When you need more yellow cards, just write to Alison and ask for more. They are easy to hand out to others who fill them out and just drop them in the mail. Be sure to put your name on the bottom line (referred by). If you can't use the cards, ask your librarian or chaplain if you can put them out for others to pick up, or if you can post them on a bulletin board. **YELLOW CARDS ARE FOR SIGNING UP NEW STUDENTS ONLY.**

WHERE ARE THE MOST STELLARS?

Here are the institutions with 10 or more Stellars. Annexes and work camps are grouped with the corresponding CI. There are 499 Stellars in Florida and 94 of you in 17 different states other than Florida. **STELLAR POWER — HELP MAKE MORE.**

Everglades CI.....	81	Santa Rosa CI, Annex:	18	Martin CI.....	12
Marion CI, WC.....	28	Graceville CF.....	16	Avon Park CI.....	11
Union CI.....	25	Jefferson CI.....	16	Dade CI.....	11
Tomoka CI, WC.....	24	South Bay CF.....	14	RMC.....	10
Madison CI, WC.....	23	Columbia CI, Annex.....	13	SFRC	10
Sumter CI, Annex, WC.....	21	Hardee CI, WC.....	13	Zephyrhills CI.....	10



STELLAR PLAYERS (JAN - MAR 2025)

Stellar Name	TWTH Requests in (15 pts each)	Lessons in (35 pts each)	TWTH Comps. (50 pts each)	Total Points
Alexandra T*	30	70		100
Andrew A	15	0	0	15
Anthony J	0	35	0	35
Antonio C	15	0	0	15
Antonio M	15	0	0	15
Billy B	15	0	0	15
Bjon L*	30	105	0	135
Broadus H	15	35	0	50
Casey M	15	0	0	15
Chad S	0	35	0	35
Daniel G	30	0	0	30
David W	30	35	0	65
Derrick G	15	0	0	15
Derrick V	15	0	0	15
Donna P*	0	35	50	85
Douglas W	0	35	0	35
Dwayne L*	45	35	0	80
George B	0	35	0	35
Gerald W	15	0	0	15
Geronimo C	0	35	0	35
James C	0	35	0	35
James P	15	0	0	15
James S	0	35	0	35
Jason F	0	35	0	35
Jason S*	60	140	0	200
John M	15	35	0	50
Johnny S	15	0	0	15
Jose H	0	0	50	50
Kevin B	45	0	0	45
Leandro A	15	35	0	50
Leigh F	0	0	50	50
Michael M	0	35	0	35
Michael S	45	0	0	45
Najja R	0	35	0	35
Noel M*	30	105	0	135
Orenthal G	15	35	0	50
Ricky N	0	35	0	35
Robert E	15	35	0	50
Robert F*	0	35	50	85
Robert M	0	35	0	35
Shalandrea F	0	35	0	35

Stellar Name	TWTH Requests in (15 pts each)	Lessons in (35 pts each)	TWTH Comps. (50 pts each)	Total Points
Shavar S	0	35	0	35
Steven T	15	35	0	50
Terrence H	15	35	0	50
Terry J	15	0	0	15
Thomas P	15	35	0	50
Walter R	0	35	0	35
William C	0	35	0	35
William M	15	0	0	15
William St	15	35	0	50
William Sp	0	35	0	35