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STELLAR
NEWS

CRIMINON MEANS "NO CRIME" | REHABILITATION IS POSSIBLE

2ND QUARTER 2023



Criminon Florida...

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

A recent Criminon event acknowledges the accomplishments of Stellar Students at Everglades C.I.

THE STELLAR EFFECT

Stellars working to create a sane environment where others find hope and become motivated to make positive change

It comes as no surprise that the largest group of Stellar students by far is at Everglades C.I., the first incentivized prison in Florida.

The restoration of self-respect, morality, personal integrity and a practical understanding of suppression are gained on the Criminon program. The result is an individual who is focused on the future, who sees opportunities to create a positive and productive life, rather than obstacles to any chance of happiness and fulfillment.

Setting a good example and unburdened by Disciplinary Reports, Stellars actively seek an environment where the conditions are more favorable to being able to flourish and prosper, despite incarceration. In the past year, the institutions with the greatest number of Stellars are incentivized; Everglades, Marion and Tomoka, with Sumter and Jefferson moving into the top six this quarter.



At a recent Criminon event at Everglades, every Stellar was presented with a Certificate of Commendation for their achievement, which included this message: "We encourage you to apply the knowledge you have gained, thereby continuing to create a positive future for yourself and for others".

Do not underestimate the effect you can have on others and on your environment. Individually, you can show another the path to regaining happiness and learn practical tools with which to create a brighter future. As a group, you can affect the entire environment, as your sense of hope, of purpose, of joy even, ripples out and attracts others who want to be part of it.

Read the inspiring words of Everglades lead facilitator Russ D., (Words from the Wise, page 3) then write to Alison about your goals for creating a Criminon community wherever you are. Together we can make a difference! - **The Criminon Florida Team**



SUCCESSSES FROM THE WORLD OF STELLAR STUDENTS

I WILL RETURN A BETTER MAN

Each and every Criminon course has given me insight to further develop the goal of improving and expanding my relationship with myself and with others. This program has prepared me to return to society a better man. I encourage each and everyone to become a Stellar Student, to focus on the wider understanding of the thoughts, emotions, memories, moods, and feelings that are a part of every one of us. | **Coby M.**

THIS IS AN ACCOMPLISHMENT!

A friend of mine asked me to take the Criminon courses. I took his advice and completed my first course, *The Way to Happiness*. I began to change my ways of thinking and living to better my life. Although there were many obstacles and distractions in my path, I stayed focused and eager to learn about the challenges that life presents. Thank you Criminon, and also to my supervisor who guided me down the path of understanding, knowledge and compassion. I am now a Stellar - this is definitely an accomplishment! | **Earl M.**

I'M GLAD I TOOK THESE COURSES

There was a lot of information presented in these courses and it was a long journey of learning. I am glad that I took the time to complete these courses. It is always good to be able to apply oneself to long term goals and complete them. | **Jerry T.**

I GAINED PRICELESS TOOLS

Taking such courses has given me a wealth of information which, through reading and writing my responses, has given me priceless tools that I can use anywhere, at any time, even if it means to simply share something that I've learned with someone else. So, thank you for the encouragement to succeed. I am proud that I have achieved Stellar Student status! | **Linell F.**

I CAN PRACTICE PERSISTENCE

I never gave up, because the Criminon program gives good information you can use, and it helped me practice persistence. Ultimately, each course made me aware of things

we are in control of and not in control of. The program taught me about the negative effects of drugs and of antisocial personalities. I've learned that reading is a powerful thing, and I now possess knowledge that has helped mold me into the person I am today. I see parole in 2025 and can't wait to apply this knowledge to my life and society! | **Omar C.**

I'M ON A PATH TO SUCCESS

Before I started the Criminon program, my decision making process was in disarray. The information in the courses, if put into action, allows one to live a more free and much happier life. It is never too late to learn. The cycles of life hinge on the choices we make, and I feel good about my choices these days. I'm on a path to success, so I keep the data in front of me when making important decisions. We are here on earth to do good to others. When I do my part, my life goes so much easier. I am thankful to Criminon for the work they do. | **Robert H.**



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 six highest scoring players!

George B. 265
Jose H. 180

Alan C. 175
Christopher W. 170

Nathaniel C. 170
Charlene R. 150



STELLAR STUDENTS

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

Colby M
Earl M
Gregory R

Ira A
Jerry T
Jose B

Omar C
Otis F
Ricky N

Robert H
William N



CAT'S CORNER

You may be in a challenging environment right now, but hope, motivation and goals can make a significant difference in your life.

In the words of Mr. Hubbard, *"Hope is simply a future possibility that one might have an effect on something and is a substitute for being able to have it on something now."* Hope helps you stay positive and focused on the future.

Motivation is key to maintaining hope. While setbacks are natural, if you surround yourself with positive people and focus on the positive aspects of your life, you can often overcome them.

Goals give you something to work towards and can provide a sense of progress and accomplishment. Write down how to get from where you are now to your "ideal scene" – the way you dream things could be.

Hope, motivation and goals have been and remain part of Alan C.'s plan. Alan was released from Everglades C.I. on July 4th 2023, after 50 years in prison. He became a Stellar Student in 2012 and actively referred others to *The Way to Happiness*. He also facilitated Criminon seminars starting in 2014 and completed approximately 650 seminar graduates. Criminon Florida recently awarded him a special Certificate of Appreciation for his dedication to helping mankind. "Criminon is in my blood," Alan affirms, so much so that his goal is to continue delivering our program to the incarcerated, now as a volunteer!

Continue to hold on to hope, stay motivated and set goals.

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Cat

WORDS FROM THE WISE

On June 20, two Criminon volunteers visited Everglades C.I. to honor our Stellar Students and recognize the service and dedication of prison legend Alan C. A few days later, after 50 years of incarceration, Alan was released, having passed the torch of lead facilitator of *The Way to Happiness* and *The Truth about Drugs* seminars to me.

I was apprehensive - such big shoes to fill! But as I looked out at the crowd of Stellar Students on that special day, I smiled. The crowd present were the guys that are always in classes, actively involved in the ECI community, the individuals you enjoy being around.

These Stellers are assets, and in my new role I'm putting them into action. Leaders don't create followers, they create more leaders. My vision is to create a blockbuster team, who will lead others to become the best possible version of themselves. Thus positivity ripples out, in ever widening circles, changing more and more lives every day.

- Russ D.



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 529 Stellars in Florida and 89 of you in 14 different states other than Florida. **STELLAR POWER — HELP MAKE MORE.**

Everglades CI.....	81	Union CI.....	20	DeSotoAnnex, WC.....	13
Marion CI, WC.....	27	Madison CI, WC.....	19	RMCMMain, WestUnit.....	11
Graceville CF.....	25	Wakulla CI,Annex, WC.....	18	Martin CI, WC.....	11
Tomoka CI, WC.....	24	AvonPark CI, WC.....	16	Dade CI.....	10
Sumter CI,Annex, WC.....	22	SouthBay CF.....	16	Hamilton CI.....	10
Jefferson CI.....	20	Hardee CI, WC.....	15		



STELLAR PLAYERS (APR - JUNE 2023)

Stellar Name	TWTH Requests in (15 pts each)	Lessons in (35 pts each)	TWTH Comps. (50 pts each)	Total Points
Alan C*	90	35	50	175
Alexandria S	15	0	0	15
Anthony D	15	35	0	50
Anthony J	0	35	0	35
Antonio M	0	35	0	35
Billy A	0	35	0	35
Bruce S	15	0	0	15
Carl C	0	0	50	50
Charlene R*	0	0	150	150
Charles C	15	0	0	15
Christopher W*	30	140	0	170
Cleveland W	15	0	0	15
Clifton J	15	0	0	15
David E	15	0	0	15
David S	0	35	0	35
David S	15	0	0	15
Demetrio G	15	0	0	15
Derrick V	0	35	0	35
Douglas W	15	35	0	50
Earl F	15	0	0	15
Errol J	15	35	0	50
Frank S	0	35	0	35
George B*	90	175	0	265
Herberto C	15	35	0	50
Ivan T	0	35	0	35
James S	45	70	0	115
James S	0	35	0	35
James T	0	35	0	35
James T	15	0	0	15
Jason F	0	35	0	35
Jerry B	0	35	0	35
Jerry B	15	0	0	15
John P	15	0	0	15
Jonathon A	15	0	0	15
Jose H*	60	70	50	180
Keith W	15	0	0	15
Kevin B	45	35	50	130
Kyle B	15	0	0	15
Lawrence L	0	35	0	35
Lawrence L	15	0	0	15
Layla H	15	0	0	15

Stellar Name	TWTH Requests in (15 pts each)	Lessons in (35 pts each)	TWTH Comps. (50 pts each)	Total Points
Lazaro A	15	0	0	15
Leandrea P	15	0	0	15
Linell F	0	35	0	35
Lorenzo J	0	35	0	35
Lorenzo J	15	0	0	15
Malando W	0	35	50	85
Marcus S	30	0	0	30
Mark B	15	0	0	15
Mark G	15	70	0	85
Mark G	15	0	0	15
Matthew O	15	0	0	15
Matthew S	0	35	0	35
Matthew S	30	0	0	30
Michael M	15	35	0	50
Michael S	15	0	0	15
Nathan S	15	0	0	15
Nathaniel C*	15	105	50	170
Orenthal G	15	35	0	50
Paul T	30	35	0	65
Renard M	0	35	0	35
Ricardo E	0	35	0	35
Ricardo E	15	0	0	15
Richard W	30	35	0	65
Richard W	15	0	0	15
Ricky B	15	0	0	15
Robert F	0	105	0	105
Robert G	15	0	0	15
Robert H	0	35	0	35
Ronnie R	15	0	0	15
Roy B	0	35	0	35
Scott M	15	0	0	15
Steve M	15	0	0	15
Steve T	15	0	0	15
Steven D	0	35	0	35
Steven T	0	35	0	35
Terrence H	15	0	0	15
Thomas P	15	0	0	15
Vasten B	0	0	50	50
Vasten B	0	35	0	35
William C	0	35	0	35
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William S	0	70	0	70
William S*	30	70	0	100
Willie M	0	35	0	35