



CRIMINON

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STELLAR
NEWS

CRIMINON MEANS "NO CRIME" | REHABILITATION IS POSSIBLE

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Criminon Florida...

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

Extend a helping hand—even to those who hesitate to accept it

STELLARS REHABILITATE HELP

The Criminon program restores life and the desire to help others to those who learn and apply the data.

We at Criminon have seen that when a student becomes a Stellar, they rehabilitate both their desire AND their ability to help. Recent Stellar Robert L. writes that, since doing the Criminon courses, "I have been able to help many men in here"; Nathal T. says the program "has given me plenty of tools to help educate others."

We have also observed that, progressing through the curriculum towards Stellar, a student starts to formulate goals which often revolve around the subject of help. We witness a "return to life" as students acquire the knowledge in our life improvement courses, apply it and share it. They appear rejuvenated, revitalized. In the words of L. Ron Hubbard: *"A man is alive so long as he can help things and so long as he, himself, can be helped."*

As a Stellar Student, this is likely true for you. But realize that those around you who have yet to start their

Criminon journey may be struggling to accept help. Robert F., Stellar, seminar facilitator and this quarter's Stellar game winner, explains this in "Words from the Wise" (page 3): "Success begins with: 1. Admitting that one needs help; 2. Accepting help when it is offered."

We encourage you to assist others towards success by extending a helping hand — give someone a yellow card, share a Newsletter, set a good example, speak about your wins.

Understand when that person doesn't jump at the opportunity, they are struggling to accept help. But with persistence and good communication, you can bring them to the point where they accept your proffered hand, reach out and take their first step.

We thank you for each new person you refer... and they will thank you too!

- The Criminon Florida Team





SUCCESSSES FROM THE WORLD OF STELLAR STUDENTS

A BETTER PERSPECTIVE

My thinking and choices led me to prison; I need things that will help me change my thinking so I make better decisions today and tomorrow. I got this with Criminon. The program challenged me to look at things from a different perspective. I am a better person today with a better perspective on life than when I began the program. | **Loren A.**

I LEARNED NEW THINGS

I am happy to have completed the Criminon program. My favorite course was Learning Improvement, because one of the best things I have learned is the way to use the Three Barriers to Study. It helped me a lot in your courses, and I have been able to help many men in here who are doing Criminon, thanks to this knowledge. My supervisor was always polite in telling me I got something wrong and in making suggestions of how to correct my answer. I like that you care enough to make sure we completely understand the information. | **Robert L.**

CHANGE IS POSSIBLE!

Criminon courses as a collective have helped me become a better friend, brother, leader, and (future) dad. I have experienced a more positive attitude and more productivity since beginning Criminon a couple of years ago. I learned that change is possible despite what anybody tells you or what they think about you. The power is in your own hands to change for the better. | **Casey M.**

WINS WITH EVERY COURSE

On *The Way to Happiness* course, I understood the importance of accepting others for who they are as opposed to wanting to “change” them. In *The Truth about Drugs*, I learned many things about their negative effects, and was able to share this with my addicted friends. *Personal Integrity* helped me become much more honest and disciplined. *Ups and Downs in Life* gave me insight on how to deal with life without depression. *Parenting Skills* definitely helped me accept, understand and deal much

more efficiently with my offspring. Thank you very much Criminon, I truly appreciate your lessons and will do my best to get others enrolled.

| **Ernesto C.**

I GAINED INSIGHT AND KNOWLEDGE

I take great pride in becoming a Stellar Student and completing these courses. The insight and knowledge I’ve gained has helped me to narrow my focus on the things I need to do today in order to be successful tomorrow. It’s also given me plenty of tools to treat others better and to help educate others as we all go about our daily lives. Thank you for helping me change my life! I will definitely recommend this program to others. | **Nathal T.**

I RECOMMEND CRIMINON TO ALL

The Criminon curriculum was well-created and thorough. It was a worthwhile program that I recommend for any incarcerated person, regardless of their sentence length. | **Colton S.**



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 five highest scoring players!

Robert F. 190
Andrew A. 135

Leigh F. 135
Allan C. 120

Leandro A. 100



STELLAR STUDENTS

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

John P.
Jerrod W.
Jimmy T.

John M.
Russell S.
Loren A.

Nathal T.
Daniel G.
Ernesto C.

Casey M.
Robert L.
Colton S.

Jesse S.



CAT'S CORNER

From *The Way to Happiness*, "Stealing things is really just an admission that one is not capable enough to make it honestly." Whether it's something taken from a store, money sneaked from Mom's purse, acquiring something valuable at a low cost or providing poor service as a company, it's unethical, gives one a bad reputation and damages trust.

If we look at a business situation, one can take in money but not deliver what was promised. The victim feels "ripped off", cheated. If the same business delivers part of what it promised, or delivers a subpar product or service, we could call this "partial exchange". To stay in business, one should provide "fair exchange" – the product or service that was promised and expected.

But isn't it nice to get better service than you expected? That waitress who really makes you feel like a special customer, the boss who makes his employees feel important; this we can call "exchange in abundance", and it fosters good feelings. It's like practicing the virtues with every one, every day. It's more than people expect of you.

Mr. Hubbard says, "*The way of a strong man is to help his less fortunate fellows... This is the message of all prophets in all ages: Help one another. It is a formula for life that cannot fail.*"

Stellars who give help to others are exchanging in abundance, and in doing so, they benefit as well.

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Cat

WORDS FROM THE WISE

Since becoming a Stellar Student in 2019, I have not stopped promoting *The Way to Happiness* and *The Truth About Drugs*. Every single page of the Criminon materials is valuable.

My faith based dorm has been running the Criminon seminars every week in both English and Spanish for several years. Over half the men in the dorm are also doing the distance learning courses! Why? Because of the underlying theme of the Criminon program; every one of us has value, no matter what side of the fence we live on.

Success begins with: 1. Admitting that one needs help; 2. Accepting help when it is offered. Next is the investment of time and energy to walk the path of self-betterment; it may be rough at times and you may encounter roadblocks, but with persistence you'll make it.

I want to thank all those at Criminon who have a passion and purpose to help others, who work long hours writing and mailing letters, sending certificates and doing everything they do to offer their help so we can improve our lives. - **Robert F.**



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 500 Stellars in Florida and 92 of you in 16 different states other than Florida. **STELLAR POWER — HELP MAKE MORE.**

Everglades CI	80	Sumter CI, Annex, WC	21	Hardee CI, WC.....	13
Marion CI, WC.....	28	Santa Rosa CI, Annex.....	18	Dade CI.....	11
Tomoka CI, WC.....	25	Graceville CF.....	17	Liberty CI.....	11
Union CI.....	25	Jefferson CI.....	15	Columbia CI, Annex.....	10
Madison CI, WC.....	23	South Bay CF.....	14	SFRC	10
				Zephyrhills CI.....	10



STELLAR PLAYERS (OCT - DEC 2024)

Stellar Name	TWTH Requests in (15 pts each)	Lessons in (35 pts each)	TWTH Comps. (50 pts each)	Total Points
Alexandra T	15	0		15
Alfred B	0	35	0	35
Allen C*	15	105	0	120
Andrew A*	30	105	0	135
Antonio M	15	0	0	15
Chad C	0	35	0	35
Cynthia C	15	35	0	50
Derrick G	15	0	0	15
Donna P	15	35	0	50
Dwayne L	15	0	0	15
George B	0	70	0	70
Geronimo C	30	0	0	30
Hubardo M	15	0	0	15
Ivan T	0	35	0	35
James C	15	0	0	15
James K	15	35	0	50
James K	0	0	50	50
James T	0	35	0	35
Jason S	30	35	0	65
Joel E	15	70	0	85
Juan M	15	0	0	15
Kevin B	0	70	0	70
Kevin G	0	35	0	35
Leandro A*	30	70	0	100
Leigh F*	15	70	50	135
Leslie H	0	70	0	70
Malando W	0	35	0	35
Marcus S	30	35	0	65
Nathal T	0	35	50	85
Nathaniel C	0	70	0	70
Noel M	15	0	0	15
Reginald W	15	0	0	15
Renard M	15	0	0	15
Richard C	0	35	0	35
Richard W	15	0	0	15
Ricky N	0	35	0	35
Robert F*	15	175	0	190
Ronald R	0	70	0	70
Scott M	0	0	50	50
Steven G	30	0	0	30
Terrence H	30	35	0	65

Stellar Name	TWTH Requests in (15 pts each)	Lessons in (35 pts each)	TWTH Comps. (50 pts each)	Total Points
Thomas A	0	35	0	35
Tyra W	15	35	0	50
Urbano T	0	35	0	35
Vasten B	0	35	0	35
William S	15	35	0	50
William S	15	0	0	15
William S	15	0	0	15