



CRIMINON

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CRIMINON MEANS "NO CRIME" | REHABILITATION IS POSSIBLE

1ST QUARTER 2023



Criminon Florida...

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

The hardest part of doing anything is starting.

READY, SET... START!

Help your referrals take their first steps on their journey to self-betterment.

As a Stellar Student, you are part of the Criminon team, and we are grateful for your help in spreading the word about the Criminon program. Together, we help others transform their outlook on life, becoming positive about the future, able to experience happiness and be productive, despite incarceration.

We thank you for every yellow card you hand out. When that person fills it out and mails it in, they have made the decision to create positive change in their life. That's the easy part. But, like running a race, the most difficult part is getting to the starting line and taking those first steps.

That's why we're asking you to do more than just give out a card. We want you to help your referrals actually start the Criminon program, once they receive their first lessons.

Maybe it'll take just a reminder, or a few words of

encouragement, or perhaps you'll need to sit down and go over the materials with them.

All the good intentions in the world mean nothing if you don't DO anything to make them happen. And the hardest part of doing anything is STARTING. Once you've taken those first steps, the rewards along the way keep you moving forward towards your goal.

In Words from the Wise, Stellar George B. tells us of the many enriching journeys he has started and completed since his incarceration. He's just begun his latest adventure as a Criminon seminar facilitator!

Keep handing out those yellow cards, then follow up with your referrals and let's get them moving on their Criminon journey, destination: Stellar Student! - **The Criminon Florida Team**





SUCCESSSES FROM THE WORLD OF STELLAR STUDENTS

THE SINGLE GREATEST PROGRAM

I have been incarcerated for nearly 29 years and I am very much a program-oriented individual.

However, never have I taken a course that taught me how to deal with life in such a way as the Criminon curriculum did. I teach a 'LifeSkills' class and I now implement all I learned with Criminon into my classes and encourage the students to do this program when they get released from prison. It will keep them focused on becoming a better person, father, husband and friend. This is the single greatest program I have ever taken and I want to thank the Criminon staff for all their help and guidance. I look forward to a successful life!
| **Lawrence L.**

SKILLS I WILL USE

One of my biggest wins was completing the Criminon program once I started. The Learning Improvement Course was a huge help with the other studies. I took away something from every course I

completed. I am confident that I will use the skills Criminon has taught me throughout my life. Thanks Criminon!
| **Deborah R.**

A PRISON MANDATORY

This series of courses should be a prison mandatory. Its non-religious approach benefits everyone on this planet. From health and hygiene to drug education and successful parenting skills, this is the stuff many of us missed from growing up in this age of failed upbringing. I will encourage all inmates to improve their life skills through Criminon Florida. Thanks so much to all of the staff. | **Terrence A.H.**

I BELIEVE IN MYSELF

Before Criminon I had so many questions on life. My bad decisions and poor judgment were due to lack of guidance, clarity and understanding. But Criminon has changed my perspective on life. There will always be an obstacle, a challenge that presents itself in life, but thanks to the Criminon program

I now have the knowledge needed to move forward with confidence. I'm a strong believer in myself now and I trust myself. I'm looking forward to introducing the world, my family, society, and my community to the new reformed me. Thank you to everyone at Criminon, especially my supervisor.
| **Andrew S.**

BETTER EQUIPPED FOR SUCCESS

Being on the Criminon program and wanting to learn, grow and rise above the limitations is extremely hard in this prison environment. However, having my supervisor there to remind me to stay focused was a major reason I completed this program. The other key to my completion was application. Being able to see certain situations play out that I had just read about in Personal Integrity or Ups & Downs, I could work through them using the skills presented in those lessons. I still have work to do on my journey, but Criminon has made me better equipped to have success along the way. | **Lamont 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 eight highest scoring players!

Chad C.	235	George B.	135	Christopher W.	100	Jerry M.	100
Alan C.	200	Robert F.	105	David W.	100	William S.	100



STELLAR STUDENTS

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

Brian A.	Dwayne J.	Linell F.	Terrence H.
Charlie G.	James S.	Philip M.	William G.
Daniel L.	Lamont G.	Renard M.	
Deborah R.	Lawrence L.	Steven T.	



CAT'S CORNER

I'd like to start with a quote from a book written by Mr. L. Ron Hubbard called *The Fundamentals of Thought*. "One who is plotting continually how to 'get out of things' will be miserable. One who is plotting how to 'get into things' has a much better chance of becoming happy."

The idea behind this statement is that happiness comes from a sense of purpose and fulfillment, which is more likely to be found by actively engaging in activities and pursuing one's goals. I encourage you as a Stellar Student to challenge your knowledge and skills and take every opportunity that comes your way to learn something new.

I love when I see you take responsibility for others and help them learn by sharing what you have gotten out of the Criminon program with your family and friends. In the words of Stellar

Student Michel B., "by doing so, we enrich their lives and increase our bond with them. When we share knowledge, information, and wisdom with others, that's love and compassion for others at its greatest. We are giving each other something that no one can ever take away from us - it's something that will last a lifetime."

If you want others to care about you, step up and get into caring about others by sharing what you have learned to help them find the happiness you have.

Congratulations to all our new Stellar Students. I am proud of each and every Criminon Stellar!

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Cat

WORDS FROM THE WISE

Many people agree that "change is good"; however, taking the initiative and starting the process is quite another. I speak from experience, because I was illiterate and I stuttered badly when I first came to prison. One day I understood I had to change, although I didn't know where or how I was going to start. I redirected my attitude and took the first steps towards educating myself, soon discovering a keen desire to learn new things and do new activities.

Today I have three doctorate degrees, a master's degree, and numerous vocational certifications, but still have an unyielding perseverance and a steadfast tenacity to learn. My time is now spent giving back; recently, I was able to facilitate *The Way to Happiness* seminar with such success that *The Truth About Drugs* seminar will soon be up and running here too.

I encourage all Stellars to embrace change, seize upon every opportunity to learn and start new activities wherever you are!

- George B.



We want to hear from you!

Tell us about your wins and successes.
Write us at Criminon Florida:
 PO Box 2396 Clearwater Florida 33757



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 540 Stellars in Florida and 88 of you in 14 different states other than Florida. **STELLAR POWER — HELP MAKE MORE.**

Everglades CI.....78	Sumter CI, Annex, WC.....18	Dade CI.....10
Marion CI, WC.....27	Wakulla CI, Annex, WC.....18	Liberty CI.....10
Tomoka CI, WC.....27	Jefferson CI.....17	Zephyrhills CI.....10
Graceville CF.....24	South Bay CF.....14	
Hardee CI, WC.....20	De Soto Annex, WC.....13	
Madison CI, WC.....20	RMC Main, West Unit.....13	
Avon Park CI, WC.....19	Hamilton CI.....11	
Union CI.....19	Martin CI, WC.....11	



STELLAR PLAYERS (JAN - MAR 2023)

Stellar Name	TWTH Requests in (15 pts each)	Lessons in (35 pts each)	TWTH Comps. (50 pts each)	Total Points
Alan C*	60	140	0	200
Andres F	0	35	0	35
Anthony D	15	35	0	50
Anthony W	15	35	0	50
Antonio M	15	35	0	50
Blaine E	0	35	0	35
Brian S	0	35	0	35
Bruce S	15	0	0	15
Bryan P	15	35	0	50
Carvanski F	15	35	0	50
Chad C*	45	140	50	235
Charles C	15	0	0	15
Christopher N	0	35	50	85
Christopher W*	30	70	0	100
Clifford F	15	35	0	50
Clifton J	15	0	0	15
Cody H	15	35	0	50
David H.*	15	35	50	100
David S	15	0	0	15
Deborah R	0	35	0	35
Derrick V	0	35	0	35
Donald D. W	0	70	0	70
Freddie R	0	35	0	35
George B*	120	0	0	120
James H	15	35	0	50
James K	0	35	0	35
James T	0	35	0	35
James Th	15	0	0	15
Jason F	0	35	50	85
Jeremiah C	0	35	0	35
Jerry B	15	0	0	15
Jerry M*	30	70	0	100
Joel E	15	35	0	50
John C	0	35	0	35
John H	0	35	0	35
Jose H	15	70	0	85
Justin C	15	35	0	50
Keith W	30	35	0	65
Kenneth G	0	35	50	85
Kevin B	0	35	0	35
Kurt V	0	35	0	35

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Lawrence J	0	35	0	35
Lawrence L	15	0	0	15
Layla H	15	0	0	15
Lazaro A	15	0	0	15
Leandro A	0	35	0	35
Leigh F	0	35	0	35
Linell F	15	70	0	85
Lorenzo J	15	0	0	15
Lorenzo L	0	35	0	35
Luis C	0	35	0	35
Malando W	0	35	50	85
Mark G	15	0	0	15
Matthew O	15	0	0	15
Matthew S	30	0	0	30
Michael G	0	35	0	35
Michael S	15	0	0	15
Najja R	15	35	0	50
Nathan S	15	0	0	15
Nathaniel C	15	35	0	50
Orenthal G	0	70	0	70
Pablo D	15	35	0	50
Paul T	15	35	0	50
Raymond S	0	35	0	35
Renard M	0	35	0	35
Ricardo E	15	0	0	15
Richard P	15	35	0	50
Richard W	15	0	0	15
Robert F*	0	70	50	120
Rufus H	0	35	50	85
Scott M	15	35	0	50
Steve M	15	0	0	15
Steve T	15	35	0	50
Steven D	0	35	0	35
Steven H	15	35	0	50
Steven T	0	35	50	85
Terrence H	15	0	0	15
Thomas A	15	35	0	50
Thomas E	15	35	0	50
Vasten B	0	35	0	35
Wilbert L	15	35	0	50
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
