



CRIMINON

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CRIMINON MEANS "NO CRIME" | REHABILITATION IS POSSIBLE

2ND QUARTER 2021



Criminon Florida...

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

Community: a feeling of fellowship with others

BUILDING CRIMINON COMMUNITIES

Stellar students introduce others to Criminon and create a powerful force for change

A community is defined as “a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.”

Stellars share a **common attitude**, encapsulated in the epilogue of *The Way to Happiness*: “There is no person alive who cannot make a new beginning.”

They share a **common interest** in the Criminon program: restoration of self-respect, study and parenting skills, drug education, personal integrity and dealing with suppression.

They share **common goals**: helping others start on their journey of self-betterment, so they too may experience positive change in their lives.

When a Stellar student hands a Criminon referral card to another, his message is, “Your survival is important to me.” When he not only refers others, but builds teams of students who do the same, thereby creating a

Criminon Community, he is truly taking responsibility for his fellow man. He knows it is in his power to “point the way to a less dangerous and happier life,” and he acts upon that knowledge.

Luc C., who united like-minded Criminon students in this way, points out that: “A Criminon Community keeps everyone positive, focused and on track to a successful future” (see ‘Words from the Wise’, page 3).

Criminon Communities are a powerful force, radiating positivity, mutual respect and understanding which ripples out through the environment. As a result conflicts lessen and tensions ease. And that is undisputedly good for staff and prisoners alike.

Never underestimate what you are capable of. From chapter 20 of *The Way to Happiness*, “...one can take a hand, no matter how small, in beginning a new era for human relations.” - **The Criminon Florida Team**





SUCCESSSES FROM THE WORLD OF STELLAR STUDENTS

CRIMINON CHANGED MY LIFE

Criminon opened my eyes to the fact that I am somebody regardless of my incarceration and took me on a journey to reflect on my life. I now know that new beginnings are out there - one just has to want it. Every day used to be a struggle: poor decision making, arguments and fights. Now I wake up, ready to face challenges head-on and apply what I've learned through Criminon. I want the readers to know this isn't just a program, this can become a real life-changer. | **Eugene A.**

LEARNING, GROWING, BECOMING

What I've learned from this program and what I will forever lead with is that the goal of life is not to hurt me or others, but to teach me. If I take the time to understand the lessons that Criminon presented to me, I will be less likely to barrel headfirst into one similar mistake after the next. I will be incessant about learning, growing and becoming. | **Caclee C.**

THE ROAD TO CHANGE

Wow! I can't believe I finished all the courses. Little by little I learned new things, corrected old mistakes and gained the desire to continue on the road for change. Going through the entire program gave me self confidence and improved my self-esteem. Criminon should partner with the FDC to offer these courses through the education department in each institution statewide. | **Arturo C.**

I CAN STAND STRONG

It took me a few years to become a Stellar, but I didn't quit the program, even when there was pressure in my peer group. My life now has some solid tools to use when dealing with addictions, self-esteem and handling suppression. Everything in Criminon makes sense. I'm a better person because of this program. I can stand strong against the bad stuff in the world. | **Justin C.**

I'VE LEARNED TO BE RESPONSIBLE

Thank you Criminon for allowing me to participate in your Life Improvement Courses. I've learned so much about myself and have become aware of other people's situations. I've grown more compassionate and patient. I've learned to be responsible for my thoughts, actions and reactions. The wisdom behind knowing what I've learned is that I have a responsibility to act upon it, and to hold myself accountable when I fall short. Thank you for helping me to navigate through the fog; now I can see clearly. | **David L.**

I'VE LEARNED SO MUCH

I simply want to thank everyone who has anything to do with Criminon. When the State of Florida wouldn't give me a chance to better myself, you did. I've learned so much and I truly enjoyed every course! I've learned more from your courses than I have in here in over 30 years. Bless you all. | **Blair V.**



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 highest scoring players!

Allen C.	170	Barry C.	99	Orenthal G.	99	Roberto M.	89
Jose H.	101	Baline E.	99	Andres F.	89	Ronnie R.	89
Aaron L.	99	Keith S.	99	Anthony S.	89	James T.	68
Anthony J.	99	Nelson M.	99	Jeremy S.	89	John C.	47



STELLAR STUDENTS

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

Alfred B.

Daniel E.

Richard S.

William P.

Arturo C.

Joe H.

Wesley B.

Brian S.

Justin C.

Wilbert J.

Carl C.

Marvin D.

William M.



CAT'S CORNER

Becoming a Stellar Student is a great accomplishment. It takes time and dedication. Now imagine being blind and wanting to become a Stellar Student. You'd need someone to help you.

About 30 years ago two men met at Polk CI - Gabriele, a white man, and Cleveland, a blind black man. The friendship was centered around learning for both - Cleveland taught Gabriele how to read and write Braille so he could help him with his studies. When Gabriele became a Stellar Student, Cleveland decided he wanted to sign up with Criminon. Gabriele would read the lessons to Cleveland and write down the answers he gave. This partnership continued until a transfer separated them.

One day I got a letter from Gabriele asking me if the Cleveland W. announced as a

new Stellar in the newsletter was the same person he helped with Criminon courses. I told him yes it was, and that's when he told me the whole story of their friendship. He said, "Cleveland has again done something to make me so proud of him. He has shown that any handicap can be overcome." Cleveland's response was, "I can never repay him for what he has done for me. I will always love him as my big brother."

To this day, they both call each other "brothers" because of the bond that formed between them by helping each other. Who have you helped recently?

This quarter 13 of you became new Stellar Students. Congratulations!

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Cat

WORDS FROM THE WISE

I have always felt the need to share what I gained from the Criminon program. Knowing there were other Criminon students in my dorm, I decided we should form a team to spread the word about the program. With them on board, we began building a Criminon Community.

This Community allows individuals to work together and make progress at a faster pace and alleviates the negative issues that come with being surrounded by people who promote foolishness. I have personally witnessed attitudes being changed for the better, simply with the decision to start the Criminon program.

To go from sitting around idly, to studying the valuable data in the program, shifts the environment from a negative to a positive one. Working alongside others every day that have the same positive goals as you do is a powerful thing.

A Criminon Community keeps everyone positive, focused and on track to a successful future - what better reason for building one?

| **Luc P.C. Jr.**



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 1 point for a sign-up. The office then sends materials out to your student. When their first lessons come into the office, you get another 10 points and when they complete the course, you get 89 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 also 101 of you in 17 different states other than Florida. **STELLAR POWER — HELP MAKE MORE.**

Everglades CI	55	Dade CI.....	19	Blackwater CF.....	10
Graceville CF.....	37	Avon Park CI, WC.....	17	Lowell CI, Annex, WC.....	10
Wakulla CI, Annex.....	26	Sumter CI, WC.....	16	Martin CI, WC.....	10
Marion CI, WC.....	25	Tomoka CI, WC.....	15	Zephyrhills CI.....	10
Union CI.....	24	De Soto CI, Annex, WC.....	14		
South Bay CF.....	23	Apalachee East & West Unit	11		
Taylor CI, Annex.....	23	Columbia CI, WC.....	11		
New River CI.....	22	Madison CI, WC.....	11		
Hardee CI.....	20	Okeechobee CI, WC.....	11		



STELLAR PLAYERS (APR - JUNE 2021)

Stellar Name	TWTH Requests in (1 pts each)	Lessons in (10 pts each)	TWTH Comps. (89 pts each)	Total Points
Aaron L*	0	10	89	99
Alfonza W	0	10	0	10
Allen C*	1	80	89	170
Alphonso G	0	10	0	10
Amos A	0	10	0	10
Andres F*	0	0	89	89
Anthony D	0	10	0	10
Anthony J*	0	10	89	99
Anthony S*	0	0	89	89
Antonio M	0	10	0	10
Arturo C	2	0	0	2
Barry C*	0	10	89	99
Berchman P	3	0	0	3
Blaine E*	0	10	89	99
Carl C	2	10	0	12
Charles W	0	10	0	10
Christopher H	0	20	0	20
Christopher W	1	10	0	11
Clarence M	2	0	0	2
Cleveland W	1	0	0	1
Cory B	0	10	0	10
Cynthia C	2	10	0	12
David L	1	0	0	1
David P	1	0	0	1
Dennis H	1	0	0	1
Donald D. W	0	40	0	40
Dorian M	0	10	0	10
Edgar H	0	20	0	20
Eric A	2	0	0	2
Frank S	0	20	0	20
Geoffrey H	0	10	0	10
George B	0	40	0	40
George F	0	10	0	10
Ivan T	0	30	0	30
Jacob H	0	20	0	20
James K	1	20	0	21
James P	0	10	0	10
James S	0	10	0	10
James T*	8	60	0	68
Jarvis T	0	10	0	10
Jason C	0	10	0	10

Stellar Name	TWTH Requests in (1 pts each)	Lessons in (10 pts each)	TWTH Comps. (89 pts each)	Total Points
Jeremy S*	0	0	89	89
John C*	7	40	0	47
John H	0	10	0	10
Jonathon A	1	0	0	1
Jose H*	2	10	89	101
Juan M	0	10	0	10
Keith S*	0	10	89	99
Kelly F	3	20	0	23
Kevin B	5	20	0	25
Kristopher B	0	10	0	10
Kyle B	1	0	0	1
Leandro A	0	10	0	10
Lorenzo L	0	20	0	20
Mark G	0	10	0	10
Mark N	0	20	0	20
Melanie C	1	0	0	1
Michael S	1	0	0	1
Nathaniel B	1	0	0	1
Nathaniel C	10	10	0	20
Nelson M*	0	10	89	99
Orenthal G*	0	10	89	99
Paul L	0	10	0	10
Raymond R	1	0	0	1
Robert F	2	20	0	22
Robert G	0	10	0	10
Roberto M*	0	0	89	89
Roger J	2	0	0	2
Ronnie R*	0	0	89	89
Shalandrea F	2	10	0	12
Stanley W	0	10	0	10
Stephen P	1	20	0	21
Steven D	1	10	0	11
Steven T	1	10	0	11
Terry D	4	10	0	14
Urbano T	0	10	0	10
Valerie R	0	10	0	10
Vasten B	0	10	0	10
Walter R	0	10	0	10
William S	0	30	0	30
Willie W	0	10	0	10
Zoran J	1	10	0	11