



# CRIMINON

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CRIMINON MEANS "NO CRIME" | REHABILITATION IS POSSIBLE

3RD QUARTER 2021



## Criminon Florida...

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

We want to help YOU become an agent of change

# A GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION

Working together, Criminon volunteers and Stellars can ignite positive change.

A grassroots organization is "one which encourages community members to contribute by taking responsibility and action for their community."

Well known grassroots movements of modern times - such as the civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s - depended on the collective action of those who supported the cause because their lives were directly impacted by the issue.

Criminon Florida is a grassroots organization. Our mission is effective criminal rehabilitation so that ex-offenders return to their families and communities as ethical and productive citizens, or become mentors for others on the inside, helping them turn their lives around.

This is truly a team effort: Criminon Florida exists on the outside, with 120 volunteers dedicated to its cause, and

it exists on the inside too, with Stellars who spread the word about Criminon by sharing their success on the program with others, by handing out referral cards, by facilitating Criminon *The Way to Happiness* and *The Truth About Drugs* seminars.



Like any such organization built from the bottom up, we depend on your participation at grassroots level. We are counting on you to get involved and work with us to bring about positive change, one individual at a time. In true grassroots fashion, anyone can join the movement. There is no waiting list, no selection process, no special requirement and no cost to join. Indeed, Criminon Florida operates on this fundamental principle from the epilogue of *The Way to Happiness*: "There is no man alive who cannot make a new beginning" Let's grow the movement and ignite positive change!

- The Criminon Florida Team



# SUCCESSSES FROM THE WORLD OF STELLAR STUDENTS

## THE TRUTH DOESN'T HURT

These courses have really opened my eyes to the small things in life that I was taking for granted. I've learned to ask for forgiveness and that the truth really doesn't hurt. I truly believe that if I had completed these courses early in my life, I wouldn't be in the situation I'm in now. But the good thing about it is I get to share it with others. Maybe I'll save them before it's too late. | **Alfred B.**

## I SEE THE GOOD IN MYSELF

For me, self-betterment is an eternal quest and the Criminon courses have provided me with some positive skills to assist me along this path. I have shared much with others to spare them the harshness of facing combat with a blunted sword. The way to happiness is navigated through a sea of sorrow against the tide. One can manage with good paddles, but it's best to get a motor... I am now able to see the good in myself and with a little dedication I can achieve anything. | **Brian S.**

## KNOWLEDGE FOR SELF-BETTERMENT

By doing the Criminon courses, I've learned how to think and learned how to conduct myself in a better way. I've also learned how to use the skills in situations that may arise on a day-to-day basis, and there are some things I will have to wait to apply when I return home. The knowledge I have now can help anyone that wants self-betterment, but they must want to see all the courses through. | **Chad C.**

## LIFE HAS A PURPOSE

The Criminon program has helped me to visualize things that I couldn't accomplish by myself. Learning is a process that requires constant effort. I know that everything in life has a purpose. Completing this program took me almost four years. Thanks to my supervisor for not giving up on me. | **Jeremias V.**

## ALL THE THINGS I'VE LEARNED

I really enjoyed all the courses, but three stand out for me. On Personal Integrity, I understood what it takes for me to not make excuses as to why I can't be on the path to happiness or contentment. Handling Suppression helped me see that I'm not anti-social and now I can identify signs in order to help someone else who feels they are overwhelmed with suppression. Successful Parenting Skills helped me to understand that I can't put too much pressure on children to do things for gifts, but I can teach them to work for what they want. I'm very grateful to Criminon. | **Thomas A.**

## POSITIVE THINKING

Thank you so much for these courses. They really help and open your mind to positive thinking and show you a different perspective of life. Even though you might be in a bad situation, these courses teach you how to deal with it in a better way for an amazing outcome. | **Alejandro B.**



## 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!

**Nathan C.** 212  
**Alfonza W.** 178

**James K.** 152  
**Allen C.** 119

**Mark B.** 110  
**Leigh F.** 109



# STELLAR STUDENTS

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

Alejandro B.  
Brad B.  
Chad C.  
Clint N.

Edgar P.  
Jared B.  
Jeffrey M.  
Jeremias G

Jessie G.  
Julio C.  
Matthew O.  
Michael S.

Rayner H.  
Thomas A.  
Woodie T.



# CAT'S CORNER

Shortly after I became a Criminon volunteer in 2008, the idea to create a referral game for Stellar students was "born". We started by dividing the state of Florida into 4 regional teams.

This expanded to tracking individual student referrals. It started with a few "roots" and then grew into a game played by hundreds in all the states where we have students.

Any offender can sign up for *The Way to Happiness* course. There are no special conditions to meet or fees to pay. Share your wins, the newsletters and yellow cards with others. True sharing comes from one's heart and willingness to help another.

Some are ready and eager to make changes; others are not ready or capable of making changes. Don't be discouraged

by those who don't value self-improvement. We receive letters daily expressing gratitude for the changes our courses have made in peoples' lives. A recent Stellar Success from Woodie T. says: "My life has completely and radically changed for the better since I began these courses."

In a lecture in 1954, Mr Hubbard said: *"Well here are all these men in prison. Their only chance of rehabilitation would lie in helping each other."* The volunteers at Criminon have taken this statement to heart with not only the referral game, but also the on-site seminars we invite qualified Stellar students to facilitate. Let's help others together.

Congratulations to the 15 new Stellar students!

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**Cat**

# WORDS FROM THE WISE

I had been searching for a program to help me turn my life around when I was introduced to Criminon.

I met positive people on the inside who encouraged me to do better by word and example. My fellow Criminon students didn't gamble or smoke, so I was encouraged not to participate in those things I used to be involved in, just by my new associations. Practicing the precepts of *The Way to Happiness* encouraged me to do benevolent things and introduced me to other people who wanted a better life.

I wasn't fully aware of the Criminon community to which I belonged, but I realize now it encouraged me to keep moving in the direction of restoring my personal integrity. It played a big part in keeping me afloat, when I was drowning in despair, shame, and guilt.

Now I am giving back by actively participating in the grassroots Criminon movement, encouraging people to sign up and becoming a Criminon facilitator. | **Freddie R.**



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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 575 Stellars in Florida and 99 Stellars in 17 states other than Florida. With institutions closing recently and other transfers, the standings have definitely changed. **STELLAR POWER — HELP MAKE MORE.**

Everglades CI .....	62	Union CI.....	18	Blackwater CF.....	11
Graceville CF.....	34	Dade CI.....	17	Zephyrhills CI.....	11
Marion CI, WC.....	26	Tomoka CI, WC.....	17	Hamilton.....	10
South Bay CF.....	23	Columbia CI, WC.....	15	Martin CI, WC.....	10
Wakulla CI, Annex.....	23	De Soto CI, Annex, WC.....	15		
Sumter CI, WC.....	22	Okeechobee CI, WC.....	13		
Hardee CI.....	21	RMC.....	13		
Taylor CI, Annex.....	21	Apalachee East & West Unit .....	12		
Avon Park CI, WC.....	18	Madison CI, WC.....	12		



# STELLAR PLAYERS (JULY- SEPT 2021)

Stellar Name	TWTH Requests in (1 pts each)	Lessons in (10 pts each)	TWTH Comps. (89 pts each)	Total Points
Aaron L.	1	10	0	11
Alexandra T.	0	10	0	10
Alfonza W.*	0	0	178	178
Allen C.*	0	30	89	119
Amos A.	2	0	0	2
Andres F.	0	10	0	10
Anthony H.	13	30	0	43
Anthony J.	0	20	0	20
Anthony S.	0	10	0	10
Antonio M.	2	10	0	12
Arturo C.	0	10	0	10
Ashlie A.	1	10	0	11
Bartholomew O.	2	0	0	2
Berchman P.	0	10	0	10
Billy A.	1	0	0	1
Brad B.	1	10	0	11
Brendan T.	0	10	0	10
Brian S.	0	10	0	10
Carvanski F.	2	20	0	22
Charles C.	0	0	89	89
Christopher H.	0	10	89	99
Clarence M.	0	10	0	10
Cory B.	0	10	0	10
Daniel H.	0	20	0	20
David E.	0	10	0	10
David H.	19	40	0	59
Demetrio G.	2	0	0	2
Donald D. W.	0	20	0	20
Dorian M.	0	20	0	20
Douglas M.	1	0	0	1
Edgar H.	0	10	0	10
Frank P.	1	0	0	1
Freddie R.	5	30	0	35
Gary B.	4	0	0	4
Geoffrey H.	0	10	0	10
Herbert A.	1	10	0	11
Jack T.	1	0	0	1
James K.*	3	60	89	152
James L.	2	0	0	2
James S.	0	10	0	10
James T.	0	10	0	10

Stellar Name	TWTH Requests in (1 pts each)	Lessons in (10 pts each)	TWTH Comps. (89 pts each)	Total Points
James W.	1	0	0	1
Jason G.	1	0	0	1
Jerdy M.	0	10	0	10
Jeremiah C.	0	0	89	89
Jeremy S.	0	10	89	99
Jerry S.	0	10	0	10
John C.	4	40	0	44
John M.	1	0	0	1
Johnny J.	1	0	0	1
Jose H.	4	30	0	34
Joseph H.	0	10	0	10
Juan M.	0	10	0	10
Justin C.	2	0	0	2
Justin J.	0	10	0	10
Kenneth G.	2	0	0	2
Kenneth L.	1	0	0	1
Kevin B.	8	30	0	38
Kyle B.	0	10	0	10
Leandro A.	0	10	0	10
Leaundrea P.	1	0	0	1
Leigh F.*	0	20	89	109
Malando W.	1	0	0	1
Mark B.*	1	20	89	110
Mark J.	1	10	0	11
Mark N.	0	10	0	10
Michael M.	1	0	0	1
Nathaniel C.*	12	200	0	212
Orenthal G.	1	10	0	11
Paul S.	0	20	0	20
Paul T.	1	0	0	1
Quirino O.	1	0	0	1
Rachael L.	2	0	0	2
Richard C.	0	10	0	10
Ricky P.	1	10	0	11
Robert C.	0	10	0	10
Robert F.	19	40	0	59
Roger J.	2	10	0	12
Ron M.	1	0	0	1
Ronnie R.	2	20	0	22
Roy B.	0	10	0	10
Rufus H.	0	10	0	10



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Sandra L.	1	0	0	1
Scott M.	1	10	0	11
Shalandrea F.	0	10	0	10
Steven T.	1	0	0	1
Taireef M.	2	0	0	2
Terrance S.	0	10	0	10
Terry D.	7	30	0	37
Thomas A.	3	0	0	3
Thomas P.	0	10	0	10
Timothy K.	0	10	0	10
Truman L.	0	10	89	99

Stellar Name	TWTH Requests in (1 pts each)	Lessons in (10 pts each)	TWTH Comps. (89 pts each)	Total Points
Vasten B.	3	0	0	3
Wallace M.	0	0	89	89
Walter R.	0	10	0	10
Wilbert J.	1	0	0	1
William C.	1	10	0	11
William P.	1	0	0	1
William S.	0	10	0	10
Willie G.	1	0	0	1
Willie M.	0	0	89	89
Zachary S.	1	10	0	11
Zoran J.	0	10	0	10



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