



CRIMINON

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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.

Decide to grow and flourish, whatever the circumstances...

HOPE RENEWED

Stellars know it's never too late to start afresh.

Before you started on your road to self-betterment, did you feel "... *that it is much too late to do anything, that one's past road is so messed up that there is no chance of drawing a future one...*" (*The Way to Happiness*, L. Ron Hubbard, Epilogue)

Years of incarceration, either as a result of a long sentence or returning to prison several times, erode hope. Yet you, Stellar students, are proof that it is never too late to change. One is never too old to start afresh. With this realization, and the decision to do something about it by starting the Criminon program, comes the return of hope for a better future.

Lawrence B., one of our latest Stellars, writes: "Wow! For a sixty year old man who has spent most of his adult life in prison and has

never finished anything he started, becoming a Stellar Student is a huge win. And I'm proud of it."

Alan C., a Stellar who started delivering seminars in 2017, began his Criminon journey when he was 71 years old, after more than 50 years of incarceration. He exemplifies the truism that 'It's never too late':



"The more I became involved with Criminon, the more I realized that it filled me with happiness and the need to really grow." Alan will EOS later this year and continue on the new road he's created for himself.

"There is always a point on the road when one can map a new one. And try to follow it." Encourage all those you encounter to map a new road, as you yourself have done, thereby restoring hope and happiness. - **The Criminon Florida Team**



SUCCESSSES FROM THE WORLD OF STELLAR STUDENTS

HELPING MY REINTEGRATION

The Criminon courses have taught me a lot, and applying them to my life has created a changing process to my thinking and behavior that I won't let stop. This program will help in my reintegration into society. I want to thank all the staff at Criminon Florida - you guys are great!
| **Joseph M.**

LEARNING, GROWING, GAINING WISDOM

The entire program was a very enlightening, informative experience that moved me to the heart. Armed with the proper knowledge, I am now able to navigate situations of all kinds, as I gained a better foundation of morals and principles. Learning never stops from the cradle to the grave. Thank you for the opportunity to learn more, to grow and for the wisdom to help me win!
| **Renard M.**

USING WHAT I LEARNED

The Criminon program was something that I will never forget

because I learned stuff that I am actually using in prison. So I know I will definitely use it once free. Thanks for the encouragement and giving me a chance to see a lot of my mistakes that led me to prison. | **Davon W.**

MY CONFIDENCE INCREASED

I'm a Stellar Student. Wow! This is a first - up to now, I hadn't been a stellar anything, except a failure. The course materials were very informative and my confidence level has increased greatly with this awesome achievement. Thanks to the wonderful staff who cared enough to take the time and helped me understand the material. You've been my inspiration through it all.
| **Jamie S.**

ONE OF THE BEST PROGRAMS

I have really enjoyed this journey. It has kept me mentally busy, which is really important here. I have had to use things that I'd forgotten, while learning new things too. Criminon has been one of the best programs that I have completed in my 7 years of incarceration. | **Samuel B.**

OVERCOME ANY OBSTACLE

This program helped me to learn the values and virtues of living a productive life, from choosing the right type of people to involve myself with, as well as how to treat others, even in the face of adversity. To respect others the same as I wish to be respected. And that all property has value, no matter who it belongs to. Most of all, this course showed me with just a little hard work, a person can overcome any obstacles he faces.
| **Frank S.**

A MORE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTOR

The things I've learned on the Criminon program and applied in my life have made me a better influence on others, better company and a stronger and more positive contributor to the world around me. I owe it all to Criminon and its dedicated staff. Thank you!
| **Mathew M.**



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!

James K.	225	Allen C.	135	Vasten B.	85
Charlene R.	140	Nathaniel C.	105		



STELLAR STUDENTS

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

Renard M.
Phillip M.

Lamont G.
Andrew S.

Christopher S.
Charlie G.



CAT'S CORNER

What is your perspective or point of view toward others? Prison? And toward the world as we know it today?

From a lecture by L. Ron Hubbard, *"It is a very funny thing, you know - some fellow comes over the top of a hill and he sees a town lying out in front of him and he says, 'What a horrible, ramshackle, mean, ugly, vicious place that is.' And the next fellow comes over the top of the hill and he takes a look at this town, and he invests it with *beingness (*gives it life) and then he says, 'There's a town there.'"*

We are in a sad situation where too many "fellows" have the first perspective, and in doing so, they bring out the worst in others. The Criminon program teaches otherwise, and Stellars exemplify the value of not only improving

self, but also helping your fellow man. From *The Way to Happiness*, *"Try to treat others as you would want them to treat you."* It all depends on your perspective and your actions. Are you the optimist who sees the glass half full or the one who sees it half empty?

Congratulations to six of you who attained the rank of Stellar Student this quarter, and to all you Stellars playing the game of helping others. From *The Way to Happiness*, *"There are many people one influences. The influence can be good, or it can be bad."* Make yours REALLY good! Here's to a great 2023!

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Cat

WORDS FROM THE WISE

I have been working with Criminon now for almost 15 years, starting in 2008 at Graceville C.I. I was honored to be named the first Criminon Inmate Facilitator there. We had the most *The Way to Happiness* completions and remained top of the leaderboard for a long time.

There is no point in your life when the precepts in *The Way to Happiness* cannot be learned and applied, benefiting you, your family, your community and society as a whole. It is never too late. Whatever your race, your culture, your age, you will gain from these simple yet valuable courses. I know this because I've witnessed it; as a facilitator I've helped hundreds of men of all ages and from all different backgrounds successfully complete Criminon courses and seminars, gaining life skills and leading fuller lives.

I cannot thank Criminon enough for allowing me to be a part of helping so many better themselves.

- Don W.



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 541 Stellars in Florida and 87 of you in 14 different states other than Florida. **STELLAR POWER — HELP MAKE MORE.**

Everglades CI.....71	Wakulla CI, Annex, WC.....17	Okeechobee CI, WC.....10
Marion CI, WC.....27	South Bay CF.....16	Zephyrhills CI.....10
Tomoka CI, WC.....26	Jefferson CI.....15	
Graceville CF.....24	RMC Main, West Unit14	
Hardee CI, WC.....24	De Soto Annex, WC.....14	
Madison CI, WC.....20	Martin CI, WC.....11	
Sumter CI, Annex, WC.....19	Apalachee East & West Unit.....10	
Union CI.....19	Dade CI.....10	
Avon Park CI, WC.....18	Liberty CI.....10	

