



# CRIMINON

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1ST QUARTER 2020

**THE TRUTH ABOUT**  
**DRUGS**

Drugs destroy and ruin millions of lives every year. What should YOU know about them?

Ecstasy  
LSD Speed  
Cocaine  
Marijuana



## Criminon Florida...

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

The Truth About Drugs seminar includes vital data about legal and illegal drugs, as well as impactful stories from ex-addicts

# TRUTH ABOUT DRUGS SUCCESS

Criminon Florida responds to the urgent need for drug education

Rampant drug abuse, both outside and inside correctional institutions, has become a fact of life. We frequently receive letters from our students about synthetic drug use in prison, and describing the horrors of K2 and Spice — psychosis, extreme violence and often death.

The Truth About Drugs course is already part of our distance learning curriculum, but we wanted to make this vital information available to ALL inmates. So we began The Truth About Drugs seminar, delivered by an inmate facilitator using a film presentation of the data in the booklet. The DVD also includes many impactful and moving testimonies from reformed addicts.

The response from participants has been extremely positive. A group of 62 inmates at Everglades C.I. recently graduated The Truth About Drugs seminar

led by facilitator A.C. (read his evocative and inspiring account of its success in 'Words from the Wise').

"After watching the video," wrote R.S., "I recommend The Truth About Drugs be taught in every junior and senior high." M.P. agrees: "Wow, the film should be shown to every man, woman and child in every country - the disaster caused by illegal and legal drugs is horror." J.J. said, "Criminon has opened my eyes to the seriousness of addiction."

Our goal is to make this incredible seminar available in every institution in the south-east US. We need Stellar Students to become facilitators, so write to us if you are willing to do so, and include the name and title of the official we need to contact to organize delivery. We can't wait to help you help your fellow inmates! - **The Criminon Florida Team**





# SUCCESSSES FROM THE WORLD OF STELLAR STUDENTS

## I NEEDED TO CHANGE

I knew I needed to change and the Criminon courses gave me the tools to make it happen... Thank you Criminon and the outstanding instructors that keep the encouragement of change possible. I might be in blue with a DC number, but it hasn't stopped me from wanting to change. In fact the adversity has been the fuel for the fire to change every aspect of my life and to be the best possible upstanding person that I know I can be. | **Herbert A.**

## I AM A LOT HAPPIER

I wanted to share that I am a lot happier after doing the life Improvement Courses. I learned a lot and have put to good use the important things I learned. I feel that taking these courses would help a lot of the guys in this place. | **Mark H.**

## AN EYE-OPENING EXPERIENCE

My journey through the Life Improvement Courses was an eye-opening experience into a practical way of life, how to handle problems and situations of everyday life in logical ways. My favorite was Successful Parenting Skills. Raising good children could be so rewarding. | **David M.**

## NEW MEANING AND PURPOSE

The Criminon courses were definitely a life improvement journey for me and anyone who wishes to be an achiever. They have given me new meaning and purpose in several key areas of my life. I now embrace and practice good moral values and development applying them daily in my life. Upon completion of the first 5 courses, other inmates noticed remarkable changes in my behavior, character, moral

qualities and integrity. I have gained a reputation of great respect and personal integrity among staff and fellow inmates alike. Thank you so much Criminon and a special thanks to my instructor for his unwavering support in my choice to better myself. | **Jeffrey B.**

## A BETTERMENT FOR ALL HUMANITY

This program has given me a lot: respect for myself and others, understanding of the basic needs in life to not only better myself but a betterment for all humanity... Applying these concepts, morals, etc. one can light that small flame within and make it expand until you have that aura of pure love and compassion for one another which will rub off on the next person, then the next, then the next. Thank you Criminon for turning that small flame into a raging fire within. | **Donald M.**



## TOP 6 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!

\*Alan C 590  
\*Don D W 378  
\*James K 298

\*William S 203  
\*Jose H 134  
\*Cory B 110

## WORDS FROM THE WISE

The Truth About Drugs proved to be a fantastic seminar... which led to deep discussion of the malaise of so many illegal and legal drugs.

I did not realize how many men during their criminal lives had used drugs, become addicted, and made so many wrong choices... The participants each had a story of their past addictions and each speaker was met with empathy. When speaking, the men lowered their barriers, gave their trust to each other, built intrapersonal and interpersonal connections.

Everyone is given the opportunity to have their say. No put downs. What is said at the seminar that reveals inner turmoil of past wrongs is between the participants and not for broadcast to others. Several men had tears in their eyes when they spoke. They were met with great humanity by other participants. This is in itself a great breakthrough for men whom society calls hardened criminals. | A. C.



**We want to hear from you!**

Tell us about your wins and successes.

**Write us at Criminon Florida:**  
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## STELLAR STUDENTS

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

Amber C	Darrell R	Jeffery B	Robby M
Andres F	Donald M	Jerry S	Ronald T
Christopher W	Edwin M	Mark H	Shantae D
Crespin M	Filiberto Q	Michael M	Thomas P
Daniel M	Herbert A	Reiner V	Tommy F



## CAT'S CORNER

Despite recent unprecedented events, Criminon volunteers are working hard to continue grading and sending lessons out to you and the students you signed up. While respecting the CDC's (Center for Disease Control) restrictions, we are making sure supervisors have what they need to keep students moving on their courses.

Eddie and I visited two institutions recently to train Stellar Students on how to deliver The Way to Happiness and The Truth About Drugs seminars. Criminon's goal is to get both these seminars started in as many institutions as possible this year. Uplifting educational programs like these are needed now more than ever.

This quarter, 20 more of you reached the status of Stellar Student - very well done!

Congratulations to the 158 stellar game players this quarter - you set a great example by giving others a chance to enhance their lives with The Way to Happiness.

After announcing the improved lessons of The Way to Happiness and Learning Improvement courses recently, many of you wrote to request them. If you haven't yet done so, it's not too late to ask! I'm also interested to know what new courses you'd like us to offer as part of your journey of self-improvement. Use the enclosed BRE or send a letter to Criminon Florida at PO Box 2396, Clearwater, FL 33757.

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P.S. Our previous Newsletter arrived late because we were busy making improvements to the format - let us know if you like the new version!



# 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 144 of you in 27 different states other than Florida. **STELLAR POWER – HELP MAKE MORE.**

Everglades CI.....57	Columbia CI, Annex, WC.....17	Okeechobee CI, WC.....12
Graceville CF.....36	Cross City CI.....17	Madison CI, WC.....11
Union CI.....23	Tomoka CI, WC.....16	RMC Main.....11
Marion CI, WC.....23	Avon Park CI, WC.....16	Santa Rosa CI, Annex.....11
Wakulla CI, Annex.....23	New River CI.....15	Charlotte CI.....10
South Bay CF.....22	Dade CI.....14	Desoto CI, Annex, WC.....10
Taylor CI, Annex.....21	Hardee CI.....14	Martin CI, WC.....10
Sumter CI, WC.....18	Hamilton CI, Annex.....12	SFRC.....10



# STELLAR PLAYERS (JAN – MAR 2020)

Stellar Name	TWTH Requests in (1 pts each)	Lessons in (10 pts each)	TWTH Comps. (89 pts each)	Total Points
*Alan C	2	410	178	590
Alfonza W	2	0	0	2
Andres F	0	10	0	10
Anthony S	0	10	0	10
Anthony S	0	10	0	10
Antonio M	0	20	0	20
Artavious C	1	0	0	1
Ashlie A	0	10	0	10
Bartholomew O	0	20	0	20
Billy T	0	10	0	10
Bruce S	1	10	0	11
Christopher S	1	0	0	1
Clayborn B	0	10	0	10
Cleve E	1	10	0	11
*Cory B	1	20	89	110
Cynthia C	1	30	0	31
Daniel H	1	10	89	100
David C	0	10	0	10
David L	0	10	0	10
David R	0	10	0	10
David R	0	10	0	10
Demetrio G	1	50	0	51
Derrick V	0	10	89	99
*Don D W	1	110	267	378
Donald M	1	0	0	1
Dorian M	2	20	0	22
Douglas W	0	10	0	10
Dwayne D	0	10	0	10
Earl M	1	10	0	11
Edgar H	3	40	0	43
Edward C	0	40	0	40
Everett R	0	10	89	99
Filiberto Q	0	10	0	10
Frank S	0	0	89	89
Freddie R	0	20	0	20
Geoffrey H	1	10	0	11
George B	0	20	89	109
George F	0	10	0	10
Gerry P	0	10	0	10
Gregory W	0	10	0	10

Stellar Name	TWTH Requests in (1 pts each)	Lessons in (10 pts each)	TWTH Comps. (89 pts each)	Total Points
Hubardo M	0	10	0	10
Jack H	1	10	0	11
Jackie K	0	10	0	10
Jacob H	1	0	0	1
James B	0	10	0	10
James K	0	10	0	10
*James K	1	30	267	298
James K	0	20	0	20
James L	0	10	0	10
James S	1	10	0	11
James T	0	10	89	99
James W	1	10	0	11
Jason C	0	30	0	30
Jason F	0	20	89	109
Jason W	1	0	0	1
Jeffery B	0	10	89	99
Jeffrey N	0	10	0	10
Jerdy M	0	20	0	20
Jeremiah C	0	10	89	99
Jeremy S	1	20	0	21
John M	1	0	0	1
John R	1	10	0	11
Johnny J	2	10	0	12
*Jose H	5	40	89	134
Jose M	0	10	0	10
Jose R	0	10	0	10
Joseph M	0	10	0	10
Joseph Y	8	10	0	18
Judson E	0	10	0	10
Justin F	0	0	89	89
Justin J	1	0	89	90
Karen M	0	10	0	10
Katelynn H	0	10	89	99
Keith B	0	0	89	89
Kelly F	1	0	0	1
Kenneth G	3	10	0	13
Kristopher B	0	20	0	20
Kurt D	0	10	0	10
Larry C	1	10	0	11
Leandro A	10	70	0	80

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Leandrea P	1	10	0	11
Lee R	1	0	0	1
Leigh F	4	20	0	24
Leroy E	0	10	0	10
Lester C	1	20	0	21
Lorenzo L	0	10	0	10
Lorenzo W	0	0	89	89
Manuel M	1	0	0	1
Maria B	0	20	0	20
Marion K	0	10	0	10
Mark B	2	20	0	22
Mark H	0	10	0	10
Mark N	0	10	0	10
Marlon O	0	10	0	10
Maximillan M	0	0	89	89
Michael B	0	10	0	10
Michael D	0	10	0	10
Michael G	0	10	0	10
Michael G	0	10	0	10
Michael N	1	0	0	1
Michael P	1	20	0	21
Michael W	0	20	0	20
Najja R	1	0	0	1
Nathaniel C	0	10	0	10
Orenthal G	1	20	0	21
Paul S	1	0	0	1
Phillip C	1	10	0	11
Phillip M	0	10	0	10
Ralph L	1	0	0	1
Randy S	0	10	0	10
Raymond S	1	0	0	1
Reginald W	1	0	0	1
Rexmond H	0	10	0	10
Richard C	1	0	0	1
Richard C	0	20	0	20
Richard J	1	10	0	11
Richard M	1	0	0	1
Richard S	0	10	0	10
Rick P	1	10	0	11
Ricky B	0	10	0	10
Robby M	1	0	0	1
Robert C	0	10	0	10
Robert D	0	10	0	10
Robert F	3	20	0	23
Robert M	1	10	0	11

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Robert P	0	10	0	10
Roberto M	0	10	89	99
Rodney P	1	0	0	1
Ronald R	1	10	0	11
RoxRoy A	0	10	0	10
Ryan D	0	10	0	10
Samuel B	1	0	0	1
Scott M	5	20	0	25
Shalandrea F	2	0	0	2
Shawn S	0	10	0	10
Stanley W	1	10	0	11
Steven D	0	10	0	10
Steven T	0	0	89	89
Terence M	1	0	0	1
Terry D	2	10	0	12
Thomas G	1	0	0	1
Thomas G	0	10	89	99
Thomas P	0	10	89	99
Timothy K	0	10	0	10
Tommy F	3	10	0	13
Tyra W	0	10	0	10
Valerie R	8	40	0	48
Waldes D	0	20	0	20
Wallace M	1	0	0	1
Walter R	2	30	0	32
Wendell L	0	10	0	10
Wesley M	1	0	0	1
Wilbert L	1	10	0	11
Wilfred E	0	10	0	10
William C	0	10	0	10
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