



CRIMINON

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CRIMINON MEANS "NO CRIME" | REHABILITATION IS POSSIBLE

1ST QUARTER 2021



Criminon Florida...

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

Rehabilitation, not recidivism, is the name of the game!

STELLARS - AGENTS OF CHANGE

Stellars bring positive changes and the 'ripple effect' spreads throughout their environment.

Things are changing within institutions across the State of Florida. The current state administration is putting the accent on inmate access to programs, the purpose being effective rehabilitation. Criminon Florida is playing a key role in this long overdue shift of emphasis within the correctional system.

We are proud - but not surprised - that a number of Criminon students were selected for the Florida Department of Corrections' (FDC) mentorship program. The goal is to rehabilitate short-sentence inmates, so that this stay in prison is their last. What better way to tackle the problem of the revolving door of recidivism than by having a Criminon graduate mentor this group and provide them with the education and life skills to succeed upon release?

As Stellar Student and FDC Certified Mentor John C.

says in "Words from the Wise" (see page 3): "The Criminon program helped me hone my leadership skills and put my focus on service to others."

Like John, you can be a beacon of hope for those who seem to have lost faith in life. By setting a good example and introducing others to the path you followed with Criminon, you can make a huge difference to their lives.

Stellar Nathan C. describes the moment he realized this : "My current neighbor was very difficult to be friends with... then one night, I saw him doing the Criminon program and it hit me... I'm here to be a mentor to guys who are just beginning to change." We are a group, working towards this shared goal: help others to help themselves, so that they, in turn, will do the same. Be an agent of positive change, and everybody wins!

- The Criminon Florida Team





SUCCESSSES FROM THE WORLD OF STELLAR STUDENTS

I AM STELLAR!

Because of the Criminon program, I am a “stellar” something for the first time. Each course opened my mind up to something new. The Successful Parenting Skills had the largest impact because I really needed help in that area. I have the book to refer to when I have questions. Elizabeth, my course supervisor, has been a big help and always encouraging. Thank you!
| **Barry C.**

A BETTER PERSON

These courses have helped me change my thinking patterns from a destructive mentality to a more positive one. I’ve learned how to communicate better with my family, friends and especially my daughters. I think before I act and I look at things from the other person’s point of view so I can better understand where they are coming from. Overall these courses have helped me to become a better person. | **Theodis F.**

HELPED ME OVERCOME DEPRESSION

When I first started the Criminon program, I was very skeptical - I thought I knew all this type of stuff. But it has taught me how to overcome the depression I suffer from. I used to avoid a lot of people because I had lost faith in humanity. It has taught me how better to deal with others and I have become more of a people person. I’d like to thank my supervisor for all the encouragement. I’m glad I became a Stellar Student. I feel I have accomplished a great deal.
| **Ron M.**

AN ENRICHING PROGRAM

There were a couple of times that my personal adversities in life almost made me quit. But thanks to the empathy and resilience of my supervisor, she inspired me to push on. My perception on reality and life as a whole has become enriched through my studies. | **Lennox M.**

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

I have learned from doing these courses that knowledge is power. The more we know how to deal with others in a positive way, help ourselves overcome obstacles to learning, stay away from things which poison us, be a more moral individual, not hold things in but deal with them in a constructive way, and raise happy, healthy children, the better off we will be. Not only for ourselves and our loved ones, but for society as well.
| **Michael C.**

A NEW BEGINNING

The Criminon seminars and courses have truly contributed greatly to my enthusiasm and happiness, helped me break from my less-than-optimal life and make a New Beginning. It’s a win, win. Thank you Criminon and staff.
| **Tony S.**



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!

* James K. 431
* Allen C. 191
* Steven T. 131
* Robert F. 119

* Alfonza W. 101
* Mark N. 109
* William S. 109
* Edgar H. 99

* Lester C. 99
* Orenthal G. 99
* Roy B. 99



STELLAR STUDENTS

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

Andre H.	Eugene A.	Keith T.	Troy L.
Barry C.	Gary D.	Lorenzo J.	Vasten B.
Benjamin M.	Gregory S.	Michael C.	
Clifton J.	James S.	Quirino O.	
Cody H.	Jeffrey W.	Tony S.	



CAT'S CORNER

Criminon's motto is: "Rehabilitation Is Possible". Ever wonder what rehabilitation is and how you know you've attained it? Is it when you've served your time? When the parole board says you can EOS (Exit Out System)? Or is it a change that takes place inside of you?

The dictionary defines rehabilitation as: 'The action of restoring someone to health or **normal life** through **training** and **therapy** after imprisonment, addiction, or illness.'

The Criminon program, with its various life skills courses, is **training**. Your willingness to help others is **therapy**. Precept #20 of *The Way to Happiness*, 'Try To Treat Others As You Would Want Them To Treat You', offers all those who choose to live by it a chance to restore a **normal life**.

One of our students said, "I've been in prison over 40 years. I met John when he first came in. I knew what he used to be like. I've seen him stop fighting and doing drugs. I saw him go to school and get educated. I watched him help others. When he asked me to do *The Way To Happiness* seminar I thought I wouldn't get anything out of it. I was wrong. I got hope today - hope that I can help others like John helped me and others."

This is true rehabilitation.

This quarter 17 of you became Stellar Students. There were 144 game players. Each of you has given others a chance to take that first step toward rehabilitation. Very well done!

Cat

WORDS FROM THE WISE

I recently had the honor of being selected to be a Certified Mentor in the Florida Department of Corrections' (FDC) Short-term Sentence Correctional Institution / Unit (SSCI/U).

The Criminon courses fit perfectly into FDC Secretary Inch's vision to focus on rehabilitation, reduce recidivism and achieve successful restoration into the community, particularly for those who come in with a short commitment, soon to be released back into society.

When the FDC asked for "individuals that are committed to selfless service and the greater good", I knew I'd found my place, for the Criminon program helped me hone my leadership skills and put my focus on service to others.

Becoming a Stellar has given me the tools I need to be the best leader, father, and ultimately contributing member of society that I can be. I am dedicated to serving my community and passing on what I've learned to my mentees so they may follow in my footsteps. | **John C.**



We want to hear from you!

Tell us about your wins and successes.

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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 99 of you in 17 different states other than Florida. **STELLAR POWER — HELP MAKE MORE.**

Everglades CI	54	Sumter CI, WC.....	17	Blackwater CF.....	10
Graceville CF.....	35	Avon Park CI, WC.....	15	Martin CI.....	10
Marion CI, WC.....	27	De Soto CI, Annex, WC.....	14	RMC Main, West.....	10
New River CI.....	23	Taylor CI, Annex.....	13	Tomoka CI, WC	10
South Bay CF.....	23	Columbia CI, Annex, WC	12		
Union CI.....	23	Cross City CI.....	12		
Wakulla CI, Annex.....	22	Okeechobee CI, WC.....	12		
Dade CI.....	19	Madison CI, WC.....	11		
Hardee CI.....	19	Zephyrhills CI.....	11		



STELLAR PLAYERS (JAN - MAR 2021)

Stellar Name	TWTH Requests in (1 pts each)	Lessons in (10 pts each)	TWTH Comps. (89 pts each)	Total Points
Alfonza W *	0	20	89	109
Allen C *	2	100	89	191
Alphonso G	1	0	0	1
Amos A	1	0	0	1
Anthony D	1	0	0	1
Anthony J	1	20	0	21
Anthony S	2	10	0	12
Antonio M	1	30	0	31
Ashlie A	0	10	0	10
Baltazar D	0	10	0	10
Billy A	1	10	0	11
Brandon W	0	20	0	20
Brendan T	0	10	0	10
Brian C	0	10	0	10
Calvin V	0	10	0	10
Carl H	1	0	0	1
Carl O	1	10	0	11
Carvanski F	1	20	0	21
Charles W	1	0	0	1
Christopher Hi	4	20	0	24
Christopher Ha	0	10	0	10
Christopher W	1	10	0	11
Clifford F	1	0	0	1
Clifton J	1	0	0	1
Crespin M	0	10	0	10
Cynthia C	0	30	0	30
Damien C	1	10	0	11
Daniel H	0	20	0	20
David E	0	10	0	10
David L	0	10	0	10
David P	0	10	0	10
Demetrio G	1	0	0	1
Dennis H	1	10	0	11
Donald D. W	0	90	0	90
Donald J	1	0	0	1
Douglas W	0	10	0	10
Dwayne D	0	10	0	10
Edgar H *	0	10	89	99
Eulis C	0	10	0	10
Ezzial W	2	0	0	2

Stellar Name	TWTH Requests in (1 pts each)	Lessons in (10 pts each)	TWTH Comps. (89 pts each)	Total Points
Frank S	0	10	0	10
Freddie R	1	0	0	1
Geoffrey H	0	10	0	10
George B	0	10	0	10
Gerry P	0	10	0	10
Harold S	0	10	0	10
Herbert A	0	20	0	20
Isaac G	1	0	0	1
Ivan T	3	10	0	13
Jacob H	3	0	0	3
James K *	5	70	356	431
James L	1	10	0	11
James Pa	1	20	0	21
James Ph	0	10	0	10
James S	1	0	89	90
James T	0	10	0	10
James W	0	10	0	10
Jamie S	1	0	0	1
Jarvis T	1	0	0	1
Jason C	0	10	0	10
Jason F	0	20	0	20
Javaris R	1	0	0	1
Jeffrey M	0	10	0	10
Jerdy M	0	10	0	10
Jeremiah C	0	20	0	20
Jeremy S	0	10	0	10
Jerry M	1	20	0	21
Jerry S	0	10	0	10
Joel E	1	0	0	1
John C	1	0	0	1
Jose H	1	30	0	31
Jose M	1	0	0	1
Joseph H	1	20	0	21
Joseph Y	1	30	0	31
Juan M	0	0	89	89
Judson E	1	0	0	1
Keith R	0	10	0	10
Kelly F	1	10	0	11
Kenneth G	0	30	0	30
Kevin B	5	30	0	35

Stellar Name	TWTH Requests in (1 pts each)	Lessons in (10 pts each)	TWTH Comps. (89 pts each)	Total Points
Leandro A	0	40	0	40
Leigh F	0	10	0	10
Lennox M	4	0	0	4
Lester C *	0	10	89	99
Lorenzo L	0	10	0	10
Manuel M	0	10	0	10
Mark G	1	0	0	1
Mark N *	0	20	89	109
Matthew S	1	0	0	1
Maurice B	1	10	0	11
Michael W	0	20	0	20
Napoleon B	2	10	0	12
Orenthal G *	0	10	89	99
Paul Scu	0	10	0	10
Paul Sl	0	10	0	10
Paul T	2	0	0	2
Phillip C	1	0	0	1
Rachael L	3	20	0	23
Ralph L	0	10	0	10
Raymond R	1	0	0	1
Rexmond H	1	10	0	11
Ricardo E	0	20	0	20
Richard B	1	10	0	11
Ricky B	1	10	0	11
Robert C	1	20	0	21
Robert F *	0	30	89	119
Robert G	1	0	0	1
Robert R	0	10	0	10
Roland A	0	10	0	10
Ronnie R	0	10	0	10
Roy B *	0	10	89	99
Rufus H	1	10	0	11

Stellar Name	TWTH Requests in (1 pts each)	Lessons in (10 pts each)	TWTH Comps. (89 pts each)	Total Points
Scott M	1	0	0	1
Shalandrea F	2	10	0	12
Shantae D	0	10	0	10
Sheridan V	1	0	0	1
Sivence W	0	10	0	10
Solomon R	0	10	0	10
Stanley R	0	10	0	10
Stanley W	1	10	0	11
Stephen C	1	20	0	21
Stephen P	0	10	0	10
Steve M	0	10	0	10
Steven H	1	10	0	11
Steven T *	2	40	89	131
Stuart D	0	10	0	10
Terrance S	6	0	0	6
Terry D	0	0	89	89
Theodis F	0	20	0	20
Thomas G	0	40	0	40
Tyrone D	1	10	0	11
Urbano T	1	0	0	1
Valerie R	3	0	0	3
Vidal S	2	0	0	2
Vincent C	2	10	0	12
Waldes D	0	10	0	10
Wallace M	0	10	0	10
Wendell L	1	10	0	11
William Sp	0	10	0	10
William Ste *	0	20	89	109
Willie H	1	0	0	1
Willie W	4	10	0	14
Zoran J	1	0	0	1



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