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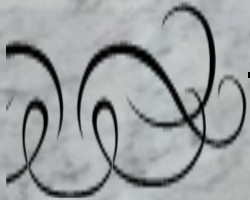


IT TAKES EACH OF US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR ALL OF US,

- JACKIE MUTCHESON

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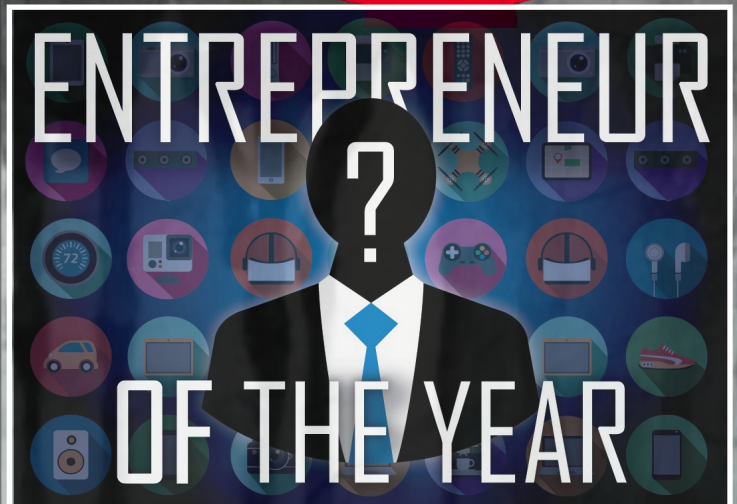
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COULD BE YOU!



Class of Fall '18 is in full swing. Who will win BPC and be known as the most fearless one of all?



V.C.P. Event



PEP

I sit here reflecting on a time when I was lost and my life was a mess. I still cannot believe how arrogant and selfish I was. To me it was all about what someone could do for me; no regard for the next person. But my perspective began to change when all of a sudden this penitentiary lifestyle got old. I realized I was making the same mistakes over and over again— climbing out of the holes I dug myself.

PEP has given me the outlet I needed in order to position myself around people with like minds— individuals who truly wanted to live purposeful lives. I initially came for the business aspect of the program, but instead received much more... With Men`s Life, Toastmasters, and the 10 Driving Values (PEP`s backbone) that was the missing pieces I needed to be a positive role model for my family, my friends and community.



I give all thanks, glory, and honor to GOD for opening my eyes; touching my heart with the love of Christ, and placing me here to receive all the blessings this unit and program has to offer. Now there`s no turning back for me.

Javier M. aka "Baby Cakes"

No Turning Back

It's the end of August and as I begin to write my portion for the topic of the month, I am thinking about how this topic resonates in my mind. "No turning back", it's a pretty powerful statement. Anyone who has been working on change or character development can attest to the effect that it can bring. As for me, I take this statement literally. I've come so far in life and as a father and future husband, I don't know how much longer I have in this world, so I look at what I'm doing with my life with conviction and understanding. I know what a single day can bring. Every time that I talk to my fiancé I reassure her that not a single day goes to waste. I am both learning and growing mentally, spiritually, or I am assisting with the growth of another. I'm motivated by what I see when I am amongst every one of you.

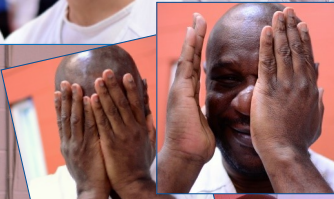
Fearless Fall, I am grateful to be a part of your growth. Everything from character development to *Toastmasters*, BPC and all the things in between. It is a pleasure to witness the change take place; the very change that I've endured myself. As a reminder to all of you and as a reminder to myself, we must remain persistent in our growth. We've made so many promises to our loved ones and we have let them down. But this is a new chapter in our lives and most of us are skeptical in making new promises. One word of advice to anyone who decides to start; if you're going to make a promise, then promise yourself that you will not quit. We already recognize our worth, otherwise we wouldn't have decided to come to the *Prison Entrepreneurship Program*. Now that we are here, we have to hold ourselves at a higher standard. This is because we've already committed ourselves to change. We have given our word and if we don't live up to our words, then how much are those words worth. So to those who fake it to make it, heads up—you're only fooling yourselves. The ones that we love the most will know for sure if we are really changed men.

Most of all, we as men, will know. And if we are men of integrity, we will not continue to live a lie.

Fall '18, we have all come so far in our lives and we have learned a great deal of knowledge. It's what we do with that knowledge that matters most. Living life the way we dreamed will take patience and much diligence. If we are committed to living out those dreams of being restored men, we can't give up. Recognize the work that you have already put in and you'll see that you've come too far to turn back now.

Alex P. aka "Tinky Winky"







SERVANT LEADERS



DEDICATION...



V.C.P. Event



BASIL H. AKA ZOHAN

After weeks of anticipation and preparation, hours of pitch practice and looking silly talking to ourselves in the mirror or under the staircase, Fearless Fall '18 showed up to our Venture Capital Panel Event with the traditional PEP dance off to loosen our nerves and set the tone for a spectacular event. Our executive volunteers showed up and were greeted to a tunnel of love. The energy was absolutely electric and full of positivity. After breaking up into our panel groups we wasted no time getting down to business. The level of commitment was quickly apparent and our brothers executed with excellence. This was the first time all of us had to give our two and a half minute elevator pitches to the executives and it was an eye opening experience for everyone. Some of our brothers were a bit more nervous but everyone embraced the exercise as a learning experience. And man was there a lot to learn. The wealth of knowledge extended beyond the priceless business savvy but also character building and personal growth advice. After the pitches we took a break and had lunch with the executives. You couldn't help but feel the sense of your humanity returning to you. I mean here were these executives taking time out of there busy schedules to spend their Saturday with us... in prison. Eating the same food in the same cafeteria. If ever there was a group of people that personified the PEP 10 Driving Values these executives were a shining example. With their support and guidance the road to the BPC looks much more conquerable. Keep up the great work Fall '18. Even when it gets tough and you feel overwhelmed don't give up. This is an investment of time and effort for a better future for you and your families. Live for a few years like most people won't, so you can live the rest of your life like most people can't.