# Rective Of The Months Valery AKA Coming 2001...

Tell Us about yourself?

My name is Valery. This is my first event. I am from Puerto Rico and I am a Cowboys fan. Lol!

Why do you choose to give your time to PEP?

Javier P. introduced me to PEP. I've met a lot of great people. I was very much interested in experiencing an event as such.

What inspires you to push yourself everyday?

Honestly! My kids would be part of it! But now, myself! My past! I made a choice to no longer live in my past so every day I push myself to be better.

What is one thing that you would like to share about todays event?

Everyone has a story! And it's great to experience new things. Step out of the comfort zone.

Any words of wisdom that you would like to share?

No matter how hard your current situation may be, don't let it define you! With God as the center of everything, things will be just fine! Keep pushing! And your past doesn't define who you are!

Will you continue to come back to PEP?

Yes!







**Tell us about yourself:** I could write a whole book about myself, but for this article I'll keep it short and simple. I am 28 years old and was born and reised in Houston TX. I am a quiet person until you get to know me. I like to read and learn new things and my favorite activity is anything physical (sports, exercise, etc....).

Why Did You Choose To Come To PEP?

Initially I came to PEP to learn about business. I have been interested in starting a small business for a while and PEP is the perfect program for inmates with that type of mind state.

What's your sweet name and describe to me how you own it?

My sweet name is Ihop Short Stack. I'm \$5.00 on weekdays and free on the holida

What's the best moment you've had in PEP so far? And tell us why

The best moment I've had so far was walking through the tunnel of love. I felt like a celebrity (IoI). The cameras, the people smiling and reaching for handshakes. It was an uplifting experience.

Name a few PEP brothers who have been a positive influence throughout your journey in PEP?

Man-- there's so many to name because I see positivity in so many of these guys. To name a few: Freddie H., Adam W., Michael G., Raphael B., Lemar M., Aljaray P., lastly my boy Frog. (LOL)

#### What Pushes You To Keep Going Forward?

Being in prison is like being at the bottom, and when you're at the bottom, the only way you can go is up. For a long time I thought my pain was keeping me driven, until I realized it was my hope that was driving me.

### Any words of encouragement for you and your classmates?

A diamond starts off as a piece of coal under enormous amounts of pressure. If it survives the pressure lo and behold, a precious jewel is born. Never fold under pressure. Peace.

### **Corderro R. aka Ihop Short Stack**

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