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What holds us back from living our dreams is our belief that it is only a dream.



# Think Tank Event



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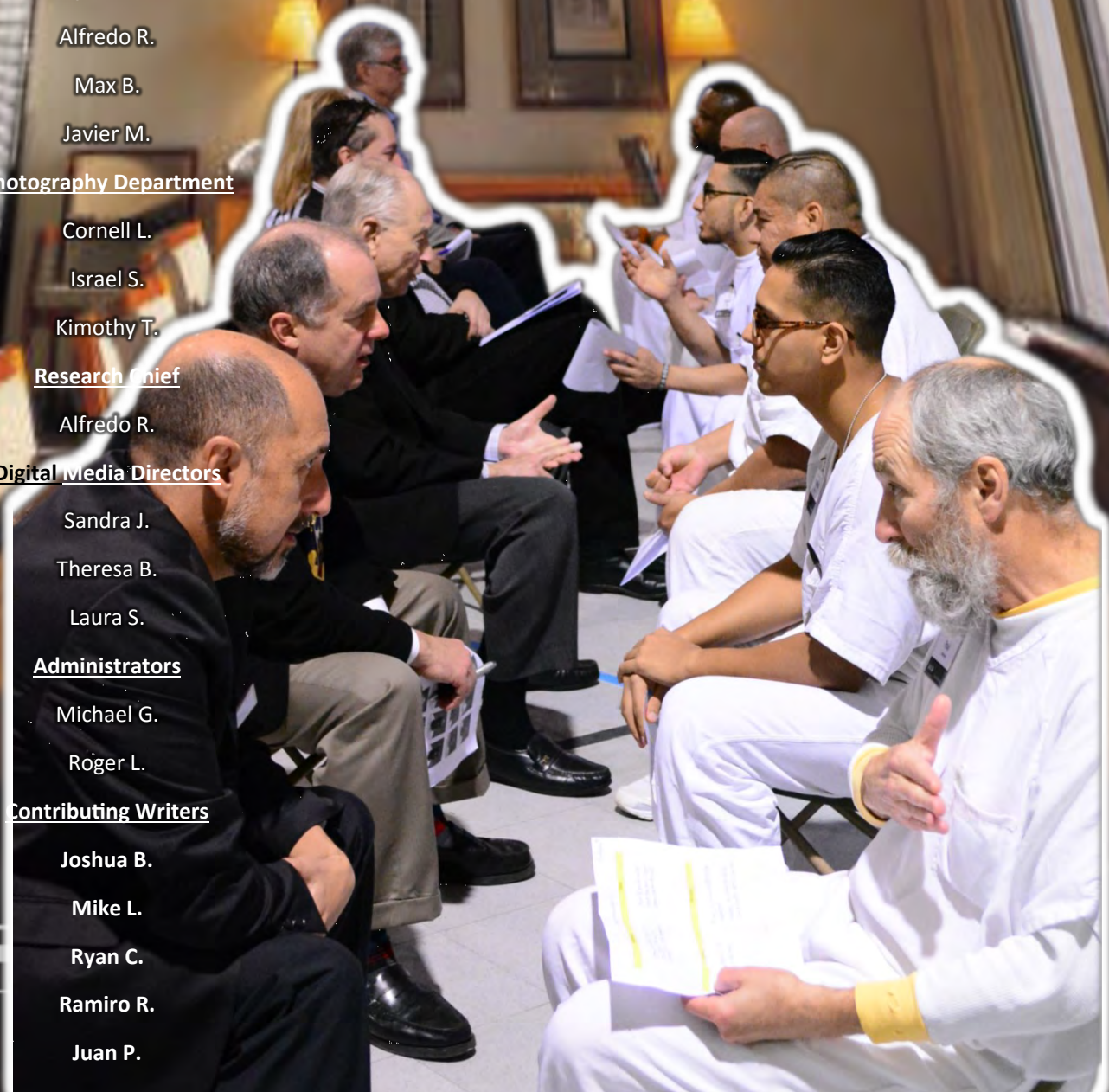
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“WELL DONE IS BETTER THAN WELL SAID.”

**Benjamin Franklin**





# TWINK TANK

The Think Tank event was an excellent experience for me. Getting to meet with so many executives at such a rapid pace was truly an amazing way to spend our Friday. I am so grateful for all the volunteers who sacrificed their time to join the Class of Spring '19 to help us with our initial business ideas. Time is one of the most valuable commodities that any entrepreneur has. The fact that all of these truly talented individuals were willing to take their time and bless all of us makes me very thankful. I got to speak to almost every single executive in my panel. The range of business differentiation was very useful for me. It gave me the opportunity to speak to executives that had different areas of expertise. All of which helped me to hone my business ideas and get a strong understanding of what it was that I wanted to accomplish with my own business plan. Through the quick and thoughtful guidance of the executives, I was able to solidify my ideas and learn through their eyes and perspective. All of this enabled me to make a crucial decision about my business plan.

Help with my business was not the only gift that I received on this day. I was able to speak about all of my ideas and how to create a more successful business. Additionally, I was also able to speak to all these individuals about my incarceration. They were unbelievably receptive to hear my story without judging or making me feel ashamed as most of us that wear white are as we talk about our mistakes. I learned many of the executives in the panels abridged life story and it is really inspiring to here all of these inspiring stories about really incredible people. All of these people are successful not only in business but in life. This event was an eye opening experience and I am extremely happy and blessed to have been given this opportunity by PEP. Thank you again PEP for an amazing event. I look forward to all that is to come in the future as we march to graduation.



-Ryan C.  
( aka Chicken Little)



# Rookie of the month

## Tell us about yourself?

My name is Ramiro R., and I was born in San Luis Potosi Mexico. I come from a very great family where I had my ups and downs. Life has not been easy but we are still here standing strong, and looking forward to a brighter future.

## Why did you choose to come to PEP?

I chose to come to PEP because of the tremendous input people had of the program which would allow me to better myself and have a better future for myself and family.

## What's your sweet name and how do you own it?

Bucky, because you got to hold on tight and stay on as long as you can.

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

The best moment in PEP so far was when I was walking through the tunnel of love, between the executives and shaking all of their hands. It showed me that even though we are locked up there's people that still believe in us.

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

My PEP brothers who have had a positive influence on me are, Alfredo R, Brandon G., Michael L., and Daniel C.

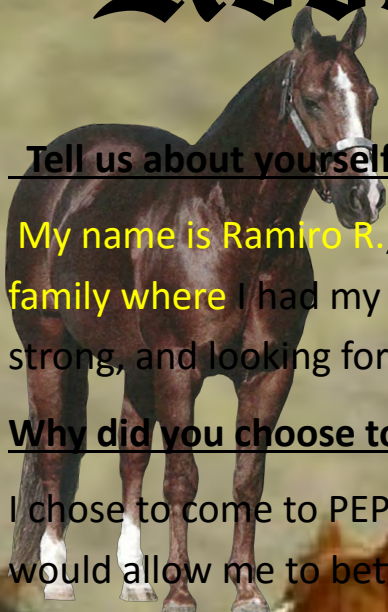
## What pushes you to keep going forward?

My family.

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

Class of Spring 19, keep going forward and don't give up. Let's make it to stage where all of our love ones are really going to be proud of us. *"NO MATTER HOW HARD IT IS OR HOW HARDER IT GETS, I'M GOING TO MAKE IT"...*

**Ramiro R . Aka . BUCKY**





# SERVANT LEADER OF THE MONTH

From the first day I met Mr. **Thomas J (aka Sour Skittles)** He's always provided valuable insights and advice in the areas I have always taken an interest in. He takes the time every day to make sure he makes progress in many areas, whether it's his artistic abilities, working out, studying, and his computer skills. The first time I've heard my class laugh about homework was when he made a joke using the sound effects of a 25 shot firing squad. I usually see people get bored when it comes to certain slide shows, yet his slide effects and graphics seem to capture the audience. There is also been times off the carpet when he's playing a big part in motivating people at Health and Wellness where we continue to see new people and have trouble getting them on some effective workouts. I will be honest, seeing majority of people his age they tend to be either wore down, or just plain crazy, Thomas on the other hand is up early, being one of the first faces in the morning motivates me as well as others because of how positive he is, and if you ask him he'll be glad to tell you "positive thoughts create positive days." There were a few times at the beginning of Leadership Academy where there seemed to be a slump in the attentiveness of our class Conquerors of Spring 19' and I want to say he knew a way to catch the attention of the ones who seemed to be losing interest. In the Prosperity Bible there happens to be many books referring to creating the slide shows that may have inspired many in our class to try our best. I know he gave me the motivation I needed to give a lot more back in and the will to be more involved with my brothers here in PEP. Thank you TJ!

-Michael L (aka Mike Wizowski)





# Executive of the month



## Tell us about yourself

I am single mom with six kids and in two weeks will be grandma.

## Why did you choose to give your time to PEP?

Because it is a great program where real change happen.

## What inspires you to push yourself every day?

My kids and the men and women of PEP.

## What is one thing you have learned at today's event?

How lucky the guys feel to be a part of PEP and how much better this program is then others.

## Will you continue to come back to PEP?

Definitely yes.

## Any words of wisdom that you would like to share?

Every step forward is progress, even if the movement is only incremental.



**AMY B. aka MARYJANE**