

# Prison Entrepreneurship Program **CHRONICLE**

May Edition



Who will  
win the  
BPC?



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# Pitch Day Event

May 3<sup>rd</sup> was our Pitch Day Event and what an experience it was. This will be the last time we will get any feedback from the executives and volunteers. I received an immense amount of constructive feedback and it has helped me feel more confident about our plans for the future. I really look forward to using the knowledge I gained that day to prepare me for the upcoming BPC Event!

It really means a lot to us and now we are ready for the real deal—I know I will do great!



**Enrique G. aka George Lopez**



# Entrepreneur of the month

My name is Johnny R. and first I must thank our Father in heaven, the true living God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob for protecting me, teaching me and blessing me with a sweet beautiful wife and intelligent children.

I am the proud founder and owner of Agape Village, LLC. Agape is a Greek – Christian word meaning unselfish, unconditional love for others. I have over 20 years of experience in customer service, sales, and property maintenance. I have over 10 years' experience in property management. This experience has come from many failures and successes. I was raised by my father, a Gulf War

Veteran and entrepreneur, on a small family farm in Southern middle Tennessee, working by his side on the farm and in his plumbing business. I am the proud founder and owner of Rock Bottom Lawn Service, Roulett Vending, LLC, and Southern Boys Home Maintenance & Repairs (SBHMR).

Agape Village, LLC, will provide cabin rentals with a Christ lodging environment within the most glorious and premier vacation destination in the south eastern United States—The foothills of the Great Smokey Mountains National Park—Gatlinburg, Tennessee. We will be minutes away from the most spectacular attractions, dinner and theater shows and family entertainment you will ever experience. (I.e. Dollywood Theme park, Comedy Barn, Dixie Stampede, Hatfield & McLoys, Titanic, Hiking, Ripley's Aquarium, Ripley's Wax Museum, Helicopter Tours, Horseback Riding, White Water Rafting, Ober Gatlinburg, Zip Lining, Hiking, Go Carts, and much more).

The creating my

tion of Agape Village, LLC has come from a calibration of my life compass, finding true north and purpose in life. On August 14<sup>th</sup>, A.D. 2017 my eyes were opened to the true significance and unselfish unconditional love that our Father in heaven has for you and me—For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have

everlasting life. I ask our Father to take control of my life and become a lamp unto my feet to guide me out of the darkness that my life had rapidly spiraled into. I asked Him to protect my family and teach me and use me for His purposes. From that moment,

He has been molding me into a new creation. I have come to the realization that my purpose in life is to bring people to an area that is filled with beautiful creations from our heavenly Father so they can experience and feel a connection with Him.

At Agape Village, LLC we are wise-stewards creating a living legacy of love, one village at a time, by being servant-leaders and embracing the beauty of the creations created by our Father through unselfish unconditional love for others, in Christ-centered lodging environment.

We look forward to serving you on your next get-a-way.

"Come on vacation; leave with salvation"





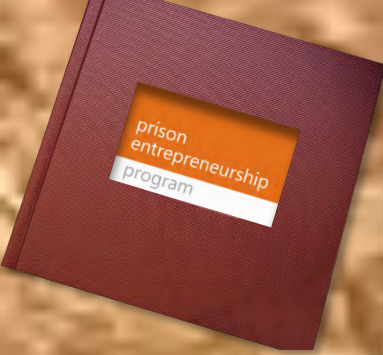
# *Express Yourself*

There are only two types of people in this world; those that are awake and those whom are still asleep. I give life my greatest effort in understanding that life is so much bigger than I am. As a man, my utmost aim is to win at being number one. Win at being a good dad, a friend, a neighbor, a voice. The list goes on and on for the man who desires to have more, strive for more, and accomplish more in life. The truth is, you cannot win a game you that haven't defined, and although life is far from a game, the same rule applies—you must give life your all to have fulfillment. How do we wish to make a difference? Where do we start? If there's any truth in "The difference is what makes the difference..." How do we process it and progress doing it? Life is about the choices we make in life, and the choices begin within our hearts. The ideal is to live a steady progress in which we've processed, learned, and have grown to be. The more you know the more you realize how much know you don't...



Johnny H. Aka MR. ED





# Photo Album



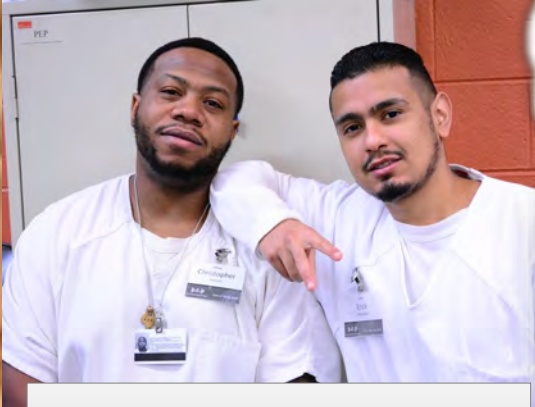
## CONQUERORS







# Photo Album



SPRING '19





# Servant-Leader of the Month

Ray Bailey is a proud graduate of the Fearless Fall Class of 2018. His fun name is "Apple Pie," an apropos moniker because he's crusty on the outside and warm and gooey on the inside! Ray is a native of New York State, having grown up outside of Rochester, N.Y., near the Canadian border. Ray holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems from Rochester Institute of Technology (having earned it back in the early days, when computers were as large as horses and only half as quick.) Ray is the proud father of a son, Aric, and has recently been blessed with his first granddaughter, the lovely-beyond-belief Adalyn.



**Raymond B. Aka Apple Pie**

Ray is a lifelong sailor, having grown up sailing on Lake Ontario, and has since sailed much bigger boats up and down the Atlantic Coast, from Connecticut down to the Florida Keys. Ray is also a veteran, having served in the United States Navy for 6-1/2 years. As a military vet, Ray served his country with courage and valor, putting himself in harm's way in such hotspots as Lebanon and North Africa. If you have ever seen the movie Blackhawk Down, you have seen a bit of what Ray experienced during his Navy tours of duty. We thank him for his service!

As a PEP graduate, Ray is instrumental in helping us learn how to operate computers as the current Supervisor of Computer Information, putting his ample computer expertise to good use teaching Word, Excel, and Power Point to the Class of Spring '19. It's been said that Ray has a deep reservoir of patience that he has barely even tapped! Although outwardly cuddly as a porcupine, once you get to know Ray you realize that he is truly gruff but lovable and one of the most concerned and caring people there is, always ready to help us find a solution to the thorniest computer problem (which for some of us may simply be how to find that file we just know we saved *some-where!*).

In both countenance and demeanor, Ray reminds many of Hagar, the comic king who he resembles right down to the unruly shock of reddish-blond hair and physique. (If only he had a helmet with horns on it the image would be complete.) Ray truly embodies our 10 Driving Values, as he would readily give you the shirt off his back, but doesn't sugarcoat the truth, saying what needs to be said. He also exemplifies the concepts of execution and excellence in his tireless work ethic. Ray's presence enriches the lives of those fortunate PEP brothers with whom he comes in contact. Ray Bailey, we salute you for your tireless dedication to PEP—you are an exemplary Servant Leader of the Month!



**Paul A. Aka Life Alert**



# EXECUTIVE OF THE MONTH

## Tell us about yourself?

I have worked in the investment management industry for nearly 35 years. I was in the Army when I was younger and really liked the discipline, rigor, integrity and sense of “family” with my fellow soldiers.

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

The firm for whom I work for has a servant leader culture, like PEP. I want to help the men be the best people they can be, both for themselves and their loved ones.

## What inspires you to push yourself every day?

Fear of failure is a powerful motivator for me. I have a family to support. I try to push myself ethically, spiritually, emotionally, and financially.

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

Prison shouldn't define the person.

## Will you continue to come back to PEP?

Yes!

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

1. Make good choices.
2. Stay away from people or situations that bring out the worst in you.
3. Be accountable to yourself and your loved ones.
4. Love yourself!

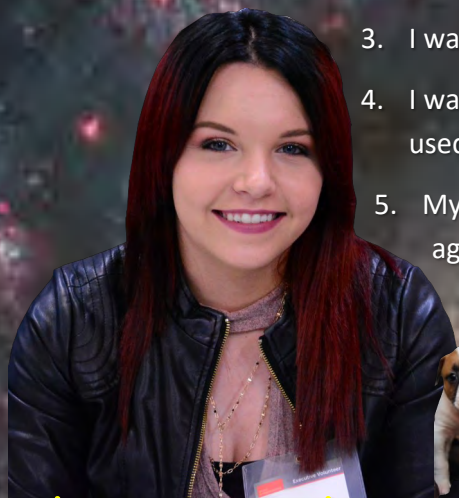


Mark S. aka Sully



# 5 Things you didn't

1. I am a singer. (love Country music)
2. I can bark like a dog. (ruff!)
3. I was in the Army.
4. I was a tomboy and never used makeup.
5. My dad does not act his age—he's 45!



**Taylor aka Tater Tot**



1. I've been to Progresso, Mexico.
2. I collect snakes. (Boa Constrictors)
3. I am celebrating my 5-Year Anniversary of moving to Texas.
4. I am the founder of a non-profit organization. (Urban Reform)
5. I love dogs. I have a red-nose pit bull named Maxx.



**Charles B. Aka Carlton**

## (Executive Edition)



1. I am a heel hoarder—I love shoes!
2. I am a grandmother—Six grandkids!!
3. I have a big heart.
4. I have been to Dominican Republic, Bahamas and we plan on going to Ireland.
5. I love to work with kids.



**Crystal aka Coming soon...**

1. I am a Graduate from PEP. (Fall '15)
2. I was incarcerated for 19 years.
3. I came in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the BPC.
4. I am a custom woodworker.
5. I am an entrepreneur. (Manager at Carwash Express)



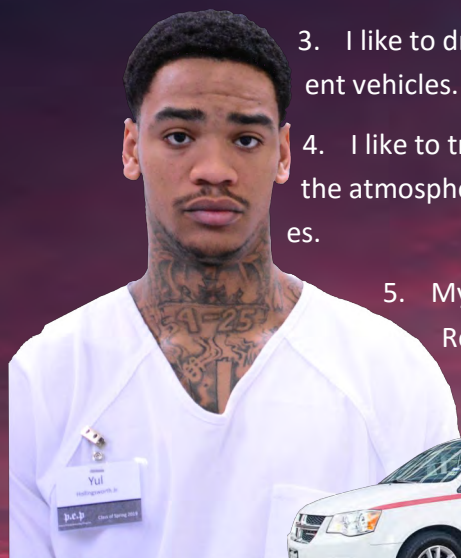
**Bo aka Mrs. Doubtfire**

# know about me?



# 5 Things You Didn't Know About Me?

1. I vibe to all genres of music.
2. I stop by Chik-Fil-A twice a week in the world.
3. I like to drive around in different vehicles.
4. I like to travel and experience the atmosphere of different places.
5. My favorite colors are Red and Gold.



Yul H. Jr. Aka Will Smith

1. I'm left-handed but I bat and golf right-handed.
2. I love sushi.
3. I'm a huge Frank Sinatra fan.
4. I have a killer three-point shot.
5. I can play nine different instruments.



Clay G. aka Hank Hill

## (Participant Edition)

1. I was a butcher.
2. I'm a certified diesel mechanic.
3. I cried like a baby when the Astros won the World Series!
4. I'm a huge Houston Texans fan.
5. I love video games and comics.



Albert R. aka Hot Tamale

1. I'm a Padi Certified Scuba Diver.
2. I used to sell jewelry.
3. I have lived in Monterrey, Mexico.
4. My brother and I used to catch alligators. (I quit, he didn't)
5. I have 32 first cousins



Timothy M. aka Ricky Bobby



# RECOGNIZING OUR VETERANS



**Andrew M.**  
**U.S. Army**



**Justin W. U.S. Army**  
**National Guard**



**Anthony B.**  
**U.S. Army**



**Brain T.**  
**U.S. Army**



**Raymond B.**  
**U.S. Navy**



**Jake P.**  
**U.S. Air Force**



**Gunnar A.**  
**U.S. Army**