

PRISON ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM CHRONICLE

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Business Plan Workshop Event
Making *good plans better!*



Spring '20 Leadership Academy Kickoff Event

5 Things You Didn't

1. He brushes his teeth before he flosses.

2. He makes a pig noise with his throat when it itches.

3. He's a terrible driver.

4. He sleeps with his leg up.

5. He loves oldies music — Jim Crowe.



1. She has a twitch she does with her lip.

2. She has a cute little snore when she sleeps.

3. Her eyes dilate when she's angry.

4. I think I heard her snort once when she laughed.

5. She's the hottest girl in the world.

Tammy

Israel



know about me...

Entrepreneur of the Month



Christopher S. aka Lucky Charms

Wow, I am so excited for being awarded with entrepreneur of the month! I think it may have a little to do with me being so awesome! First of all I want to thank my mother for her love, support and motivation. Secondly I want to thank the Prison Entrepreneurship Program for this amazing opportunity.

I am from California but I consider Houston, Texas my home. The Houston "Texans" are my favorite football team. My friends would say I'm optimistic, funny and occasionally sarcastic. Some things you didn't know about me are, I still can't find Waldo, I think he may be with Carmen San Diego. I was in boy scouts for years and I love animals. My father taught

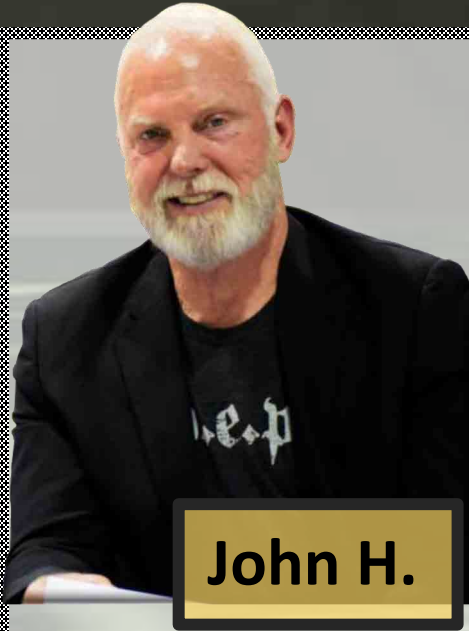
me a lot. I learned how to surf on Huntington Beach, California. The biggest fish I ever caught was a sand shark. I have played with two Siberian Tiger cubs. They are so cool and amazing. I wrestled and pinned down a four foot gator. I have ridden an elephant. Steve Irwin taught me well. You must do your research before you approach an animal. Who knew camels kick sideways, I didn't until I saw my brother get kicked. It was hilarious.

My Prison Entrepreneurship Program experience has been character building and life changing. I have grown tremendously and became an authentic man. I strive to reject passivity, accept responsibility, lead courageously and expect the greater rewards. I have a burning desire to be successful in all aspects of life. My business is Celtic Weld and Metal Fabrication. We custom design, fabricate, modify, repair and install to meet our customers' needs and desires. We provide classic craftsmanship and high quality service.

Here I am entrepreneur of the month— next up Fortune 500.

Because PEP is magically delicious.

EXECUTIVE OF THE MONTH



John H.

Tell Us about yourself?

I am an Entrepreneur, Dad, and Grandpa.

Why do you choose to give your time to PEP?

I get to witness transformation. I get to see people choose to leave their mistakes behind and choose to move forward.

What inspires you to push yourself every day?

The belief that we can create and live in a better world.

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

As always, I leave with the knowledge that there is HOPE for everyone.

Will you continue to come back to PEP?

Yes.

Any words of wisdom that you would like to share?

Recognize the gift of opportunity that has been given to you that you have chosen to accept. NEVER QUIT. NEVER STOP. NEVER GIVE UP!

**THE CHRONICLE WANTS TO THANK YOU, JOHN, FOR YOUR TIME
AND COMPASSION!**

5 THINGS YOU DID NOT KNOW ABOUT ME

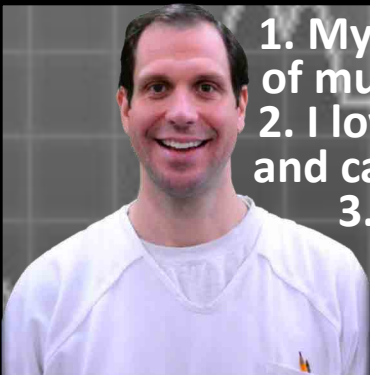


Tiddus A. aka Jimmy Neutron

1. I have been studying with Jehovah Witness for more than 5 years now. My father has been one for 20 years.
2. I don't consider myself an artist but I'm very artistic and can draw pretty amazingly.
3. I'm a first generation Mexican-American and love my Hispanic heritage. Viva Mexico!
4. I am always trying to learn every day. Studying things like philosophy, finance and spiritual guides are a big hobby of mine.
5. I take pride in my kitchen skills. It's one of the many things I'm good at.

1. I am from Omaha, Nebraska, the home of President Gerald R. Ford, Malcom X, Warren Buffet, Gabrielle Union, Terrence Crawford, Creighton University, and the College World Series (Go Huskers!)
2. My favorite cereal is Captain Crunch.
3. My favorite fruit is green apples.
4. My favorite candy is Sour Patch Kids.
5. My favorite candy bar is a Whatchamacallit.

William K. aka The Gingerbread Man



Justin W. aka Will Ferrell

1. My all-time favorite band is the Beatles, but I love all types of music. Drake is one of my favorite new artists.
2. I love going to Las Vegas. I've stayed in many of the resorts and casinos and have seen lots of the shows.
3. My favorite sports team is the Dallas Cowboys and my second favorite team is the New England Patriots.
4. Prior to getting incarcerated, I had super long hair.
5. I am pretty good at golf.

1. I was born and raised in Katy, TX and graduated from James E. Taylor High School.
2. My favorite football team is the Houston Texans (Go Texans!)
3. I am the youngest brother in my class of Fall'19
4. Origami is one of my favorite pastimes.
5. I know how to read music because I took piano lessons for years as a child.



Tamer Z. aka Scrappy Coco

5 Things You Didn't Know About Me



1. I have 7 dogs (All are Chihuahuas).
2. I understand 3 languages. (English, Spanish, and a little Portuguese)
3. I am the oldest in my family.
4. I am a first generation American child born from an immigrant family.
5. I am very passionate about cars (can speak about cars all day).

Jesus

1. I am from Mexico.
2. I am a guitar player.
3. I'm a geek (I love software/data/tech).
4. I am a middle child.
5. I love dogs.



Esma



Angela

1. I like the sport rock climbing.
2. I like video gaming. #PC
3. I got lost in the city of Taiwan.
4. I went skydiving from 15k feet.
5. I know Kung-Fu.

1. I like to hike.

2. I have a 36" [3' jump] vertical.

3. I love all kinds of food and will try them all.

4. I love sneakers (sold thousands of shoes).

5. I know how to surf.



Filip

1. I like to play soccer.

2. I teach dance classes—everything!

3. I like horror movies (*Insidious* is my favorite).

4. I like to eat empanadas.

5. I speak Spanish.

Maria



5 Things You Didn't Know About Me

1. I was born and raised in Honduras.
2. I came to the U.S. to enter the WOLFF entrepreneurship program at the University of Houston.
3. I hope to set up a coffee importation business from Honduras—the climate and soil makes superior coffee (factors that make for superior hand rolled cigars, too).
4. I'm amazed how everything is so developed and diverse in Houston.
5. I have met people from 6 out of 7 continents!



Francisco



Malaya

1. I am a Native American.
2. I love English bulldogs.
3. I love makeup.
4. I have a huge foot size (size 10)
5. I have a sweet tooth. I can have breakfast for lunch and dinner.

1. I'm Colombian.

2. I am double majoring.

3. I can eat 15 empanadas.

4. I was Miss Columbia here in Houston.

5. I recently became a U.S. resident.



Danna

1. I play the French horn.

2. I love to worship God.

3. I was a band director turned accountant.

4. I am the younger of two siblings.

5. I love every kind of pizza.



David

ROOKIE OF THE MONTH



Rorry H. aka Flava Flav

Walking through this journey I have witnessed and learned a lot. One of the greatest lessons I've learned during my incarceration is to get back up, dust yourself off, and keep moving. Being away from loved ones and friends or what we consider "freedom" to be and thrown into an abnormal environment can knock the wind out of you, but it is truly a blessing.

I have took this time and have self-evaluated myself in every area of my life. It is not easy to do but it is a must. By looking at the man in the mirror I first had to let him know I love him and that everything

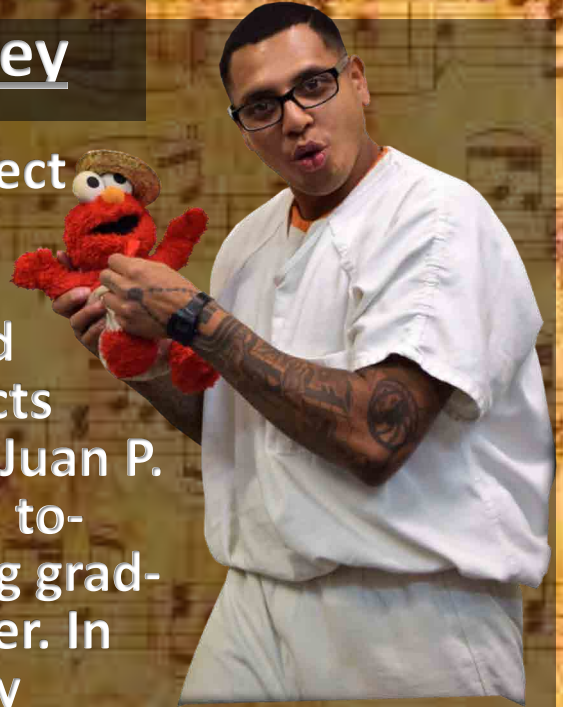
is okay and we will get through this. As I notice my flaws and weaknesses I began to work on a different strategy by putting my pride to the side and building my emotional intelligence up. Gaining knowledge in areas from books to constructive criticism I've learned to open my mind to others point of view. Now that I have taken responsibility for all my actions in my life, I have become a person of action.

By creating my new character I started putting more positive and genuine loving acts into habit. Creating good karma at all times by doing unto others what I want done to me, even when people are still wishing the worst for my life. I will learn to forgive. Before I could be granted any forgiveness I had to forgive myself. Once that took place I started to see my life reconciling. Self-evaluation is everything...

SERVANT LEADER OF THE MONTH

Juan P. aka Sweet Hyper Turkey

People don't want to be around perfect people... People want to be around people who are imperfect just like they are but who know they have been saved by grace! I strongly believe Juan P. reflects genuine qualities of a Servant – Leader. Juan P. put such a high level of energy and time towards the development of the upcoming graduates that validates his self-less character. In fact, he resembles the sweet elementary teacher who pays out of pocket for extra neat supplies for his students out of love! He is a model of fun with his contagious laugh and positive energy even when his private world is being shaken! It is a habit of his to operate in the shadows which highlights his humbleness. He is always willing to tackle challenging tasks along with his brothers just to show moral support. This big hearted Servant- Leader is in a time that marks major transition, experiencing profound growth in terms of becoming more mature and accountable for the person he chooses to be. He actively makes choices that point his life in the direction he wants it to grow. He is knitted in all his PEP responsibilities whole heartedly. The best thing he has to offer other than his love and compassion is the experience he has earned through bad choices—and how he persevered to overcome his setbacks.



Brian R. aka "Charmin Bear"

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