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For things to change, we must change. For things to get better, we must get better.

-Heidi Wills

Legendary '19 Graduation

-A Legend of a Ceremony-



As dawn broke on a new day this last Friday the sun brought a fresh new light, a new beginning in the lives of these deserving men and their families. It was a legendary start to what would be a legendary day. The sense of rejuvenation and renewal could be felt throughout the typically cold concrete halls of the Sanders Estes Unit. It was to be a day of fulfillment, accomplishment, achievement, recognition, and completion. It was a day of celebration for all of the hard work and dedication put forth by these men over the past nine months. The rigors and hardships endured over that time were finally justified by day's end as they received their certificates of completion from PEP and Baylor University.

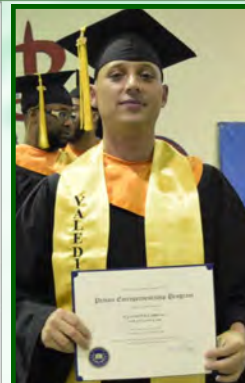
-Terry Shipman, Journalist



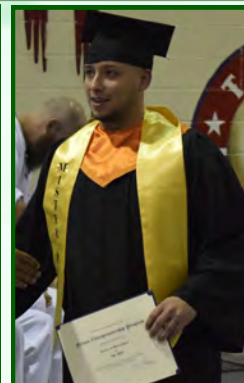
Our Four BPC Finalists Before Presenting

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Valedictorian:
Clavio Villareal

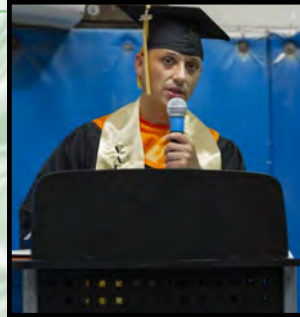


Mr. PEP:
Estevan Hernandez



Valedictorian & Salutatorian

-Recognizing the Intellectual Ones-



"A place without hope is a very dark place."

-Clavio Villareal



Earning the distinction of Valedictorian for the Legendary '19 class was Clavio Villareal, with Jeremy Lester warranting Salutatorian honors. These two gentlemen endeavored from the outset of the class to pursue excellence, subsequently striving for Legendary's highest marks in each of the 50 plus tests which covered a variety of subjects. Not to mention Clavio currently holding the title of highest GPA score from all the other previous classes.

In the words of Mr. Villareal, "It is an amazing feeling to accomplish something of this stature, something that I would have never even thought would be obtainable or even within my realm before I came to PEP. Now I am positive I can do anything I put my mind to. Of course this was not an easy task. It took a lot of hard work, a lot of studying, and even some sleepless nights. I have an understanding now of when people say hard work pays off; it is so true. I am truly grateful for my brothers here in PEP. The bible says in **Psalm 133:1**, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity." Here in PEP we live together in peace and in unity and there is nothing more beautiful than this."

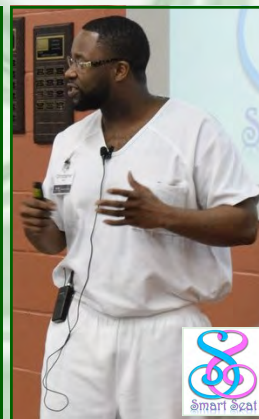
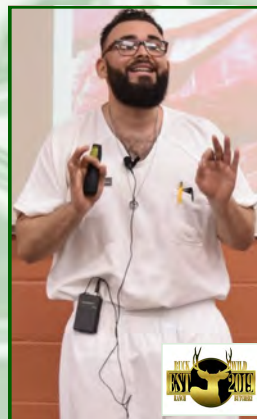
Our runner up, Mr. Lester, includes his point of view in these words, "It is an honor and a privilege to be salutatorian of the graduating class of Legendary'19. I have to recognize the other top 10 who are in my dorm: Clavio Villareal, John Murdock, Andrew Neff, Dante Bailey, Vincent Allen, and Roger Ventura for providing me with the competitive spirit necessary to achieve the level of success I have. Iron sharpens iron, and with that analogy I want to admit that when I first came to PEP my iron wasn't even formed into a blade. I had to be forged in fire and shaped into a tool before I could be sharpened. I give all praises to God for putting me around people with the patience to deal with my tomfoolery and helping me become the man I am today. "



Business Plan Competition

-The Art of Being the Best Seller-

The Business Plan Competition is the culmination of all the hard work and focus our participants put into Phase II of PEP. For the past six months, the participants started with an idea of their own and developed it into a viable business plan. They then presented it as a seven to twelve minute pitch to a panel of executive volunteers. Those volunteers compare each plan and pitch, ultimately deciding which one they would want to invest in. At graduation, in front of the participants friends and families, the top four plans are announced.



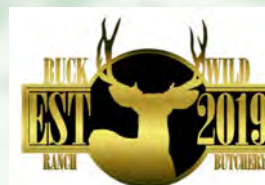
Winner: Kanon Van Guilder
Innovative Treatment Connections



2nd Place: Christopher West
Smart Seat Technology



3rd Place: Joseph Lee III
Legendary Events and Ent.



4th Place: Roger Ventura
Buck Wild Ranch & Butchery



Awards and Accolades

-Gentlemen Going Far with the 10 Driving Values-



Throughout the program, each participant grows and changes in his own way. PEP is built on these Ten Driving Values which are central to a well balanced and successful life. These men were each honored at graduation for best exemplifying one of the driving values.

Mr. PEP!



ESTEVAN
HERNANDEZ

Mr. Accountability

WILLIAM RUSSELL

Mr. Love

KANON VAN GUILDER

Mr. Excellence

DEVONTE BROADWAY

Mr. Servant-Leader Mentality

LORENZO MOORE

Mr. Execution

DAVID KENEMORE

Mr. Wise Stewardship

KEVIN TANNER

Mr. "Fresh Start" Outlook

THOMAS CUNNINGHAM

Mr. Fun

ADAM TORRES

Mr. Innovation

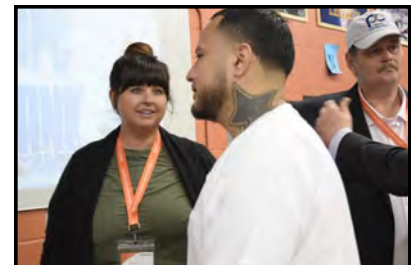
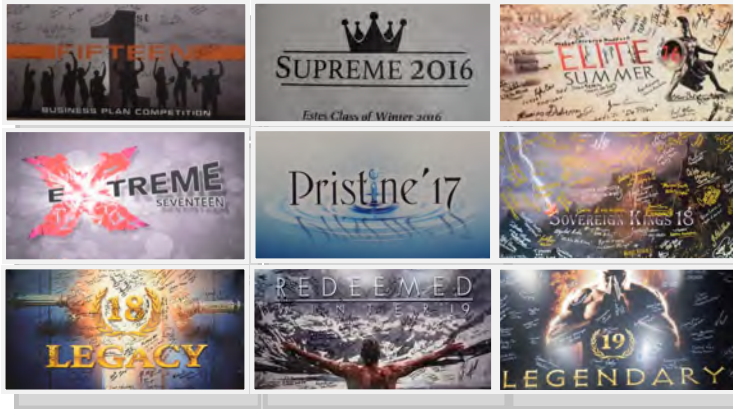
JORDAN TIJERINA

Mr. Integrity

DYLAN DENNIS



Welcome to the PEP Family.



Legendary '19 Graduates

-Introducing the Stars of the Show & more-



Texas State Representative Carl Sherman Sr. attended the pre-ceremony to give an amazing life lesson and inspirational speech for the Legendary '19 class moments before the actual graduation. His words were relatable, precise, and captivating to say the least. As he spoke the atmosphere was relaxed and every participant, staff member, and executive was engulfed with words of encouragement when he related a biblical lesson saying, "Never look back into the past. If your feet are heading in the right direction, but your heart is still looking back then you will receive the same demise as Lott's wife." There wasn't one unmoved individual in the room after he spoke. The room awarded him with praise, applause, and a standing ovation.

Carnell Adighije	Devonte Broadway
Vincent Allen	Derek Casarez *
Jaime Alvarado	Jose Cisneros
Dante Bailey	Alan Cook
Gail Bailey	Malik Crapo
Jeffrey Blake *	Thomas Cunningham
Israel Davila	Marcus English
Scott Davis	Carlos Esquivel
Dylan Dennis	Dante Everett
Isaac Desantiago	Justin Flores
Darius Dukes	Dustin Fulton
Robert Eddington	Jesse Garcia
David Gonzalez	David Kenemore
Floyd Hall	Ismeal King
Estevan Hernandez	Dustin Kirk
Jose Hernandez	Jon Knight
Samuel Hickman	Miguel Leal *
Tommy Jordan	Joseph Lee
Jeremy Lester	Michael Moomaw
Lessie Long *	Lorenzo Moore
David McCrary	John Murdock
Tommy McCutchen	Andrew Neff
Xavier Membreno	Darryl Ojeda
Michael Montes	Albert Perez
Brandon Petties	Kendrick Smith
Kwentin Rice	Johnny Springer
Scott Robinson	Johnathan Steagall
Andy Rodriguez *	Kevin Tanner
William Russell	Tyson Thomas
Juan Salas	Jordan Tijerina
Adam Torres	Christopher West
Kanon Van Guilder	Reco White
Roger Ventura	Russell Williamson
Clavio Villarreal	Jeffery Winblad



Persevering to Success

As a participant of the PEP organization and member of class Summer'19/Legendary'19 I am truly grateful to have traveled this journey alongside my brothers whom not only dedicated themselves, but also motivated us all to persevere. There was never a moment where things were easy. Those individuals who were appointed leadership positions continued to push us beyond the limitations that we had set for ourselves. Because we really wanted to be excellent, we absorbed all that was given and focused on the endgame. In doing so we realized that we have implemented the necessary ingredients for growth and success. Now that we are all here for graduation, I am elated by this experience.

Throughout the course there were numerous reasons to say, "no" or perhaps, "I quit", but because I said "yes" and never gave up I accomplished my goal and now have the

confidence to surpass not only the limitations that I set for myself, but also the limitations that society has set for me as well. This ceremony is the inception of many more to come.

Thank you PEP staff members, volunteers, donors, leaders and participants. Your contributions have equipped me with the proper tools to face any adversity and surpass them, as well as the ability to set goals and achieve them. For me, graduating is not just a ceremony it is a statement that says, "Thank you for everything. I have transcended and I am focused on success in the future." With solidifying PEP's Ten Driving Values as our character's foundation there are unlimited opportunities out there for myself and my PEP brothers. I am grateful and ready to continue working hard. I don't get tired!

-Scott Robinson, Journalist

Some of the gentlemen in Legendary '19 would like to say...

"Be careful of what you ask for and believe in what you pray for."

-Robert Eddington

"Never receive council from unproductive people because those who aren't successful are always the first to tell you how to succeed."

-Jeremy Lester

"You gotta risk it to get the Bizkit."

-Jeremy Lester

"Our minds and spirits are like gardens, if not cultivated, they will never harvest."

-Kwentin Rice

"Find the people who want to help you achieve your dream by motivating you, believing in you, and sitting down with you to plan out the strategies on how to reach the the finish line."

-Estevan Hernandez

"We may have come here as broken men, but we are leaving as legendary men."

-Russell Williamson

"Be a better man tomorrow than the one you are today."

-Tommy McCutchen

"If you don't stand for something you'll fall for anything."

-Andrew Neff

"Sometimes the pain seems as though it outweighs the pleasure from your situation, but we fail to recognize the pain comes from the way you move the chess pieces of life. Check-mate!!."

-Ismael King

"The difference between a good decision and a bad one is 5 seconds."

-Dustin Kirk

"A frozen future can't be had until the thawing by your hand."

-Scott Davis

"Every day is another lesson and every lesson is a blessing."

-Joseph Lee III

"A rut is a grave with both ends kicked out."

-Vincent Allen

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