



ODYSSEY 2019 - 2020



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"I'm excited about our graduation! I love Odyssey very, very much. But I'm not done! I'm continuing my educational journey. As I write this, tears come. I've learned a lot about myself, and I am the happiest I've ever been about having this wonderful golden opportunity to further my education."



"What I enjoyed most about Odyssey is I didn't feel out of place or judged because all of us have been through hardships."



"Making it to this graduation day makes me feel I am smart and destined for greatness."

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"Thanks to the Odyssey Project, I can push forward to realize my dreams."



"This Odyssey Project will show my kids and me that there is more to life, more to this world, than the life we have been living."



"So far, Odyssey has expanded my vocabulary, got me back in the habit of reading, and helped me think deeper."



"Socrates seeped his way into my open-eyed outlook, Malcolm X made me understand why literacy is so important, and Frederick Douglass made me want to be a better black man."

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Odyssey Junior provides enrichment to over 50 children and grandchildren of Odyssey students, ages 2 to 17, empowering them to gain literacy and find their voices in a supportive community.

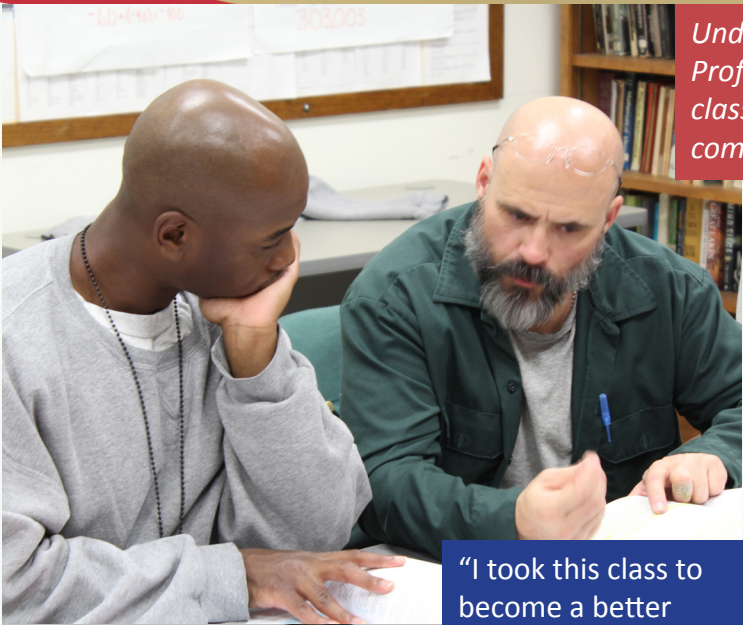


*"My voice has power!
My words have power!
My story has power!"*

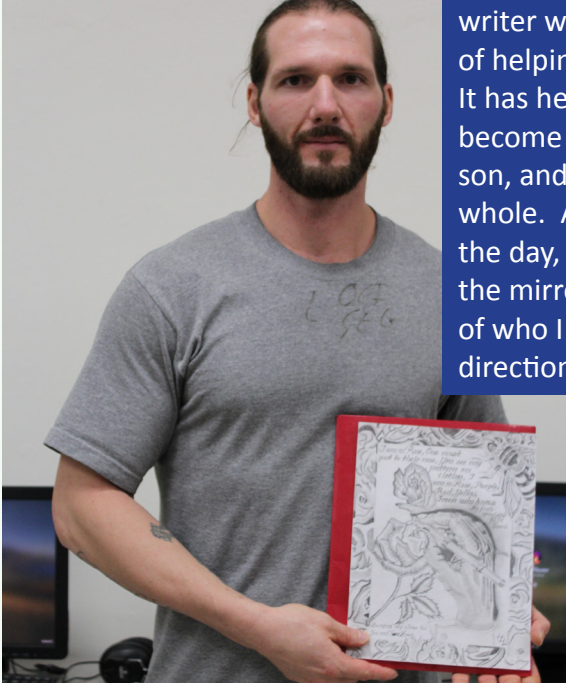


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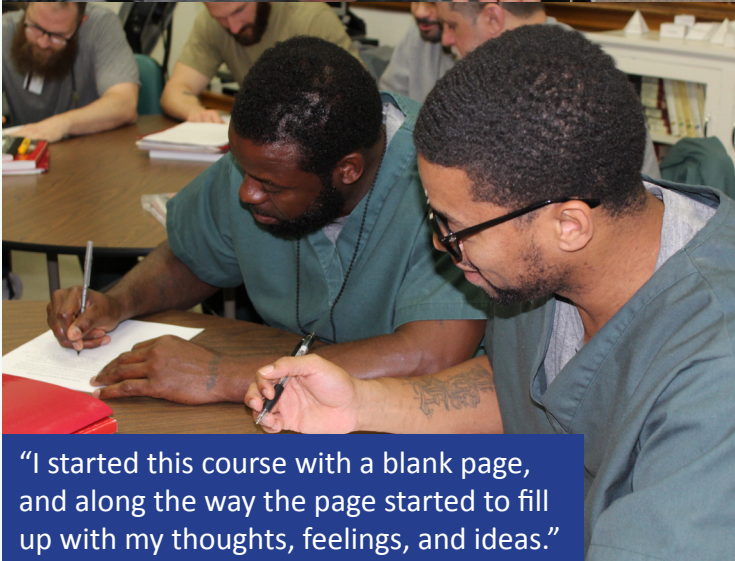
Under the direction of Peter Moreno and instruction of Professor Kevin Mullen, men in the first Odyssey Beyond Bars class at Oakhill Prison earned three UW credits in English composition and gained new hope about their future.



"I took this class to become a better writer with the hope of helping others soar. It has helped me to become a better father, son, and person as a whole. At the end of the day, I can look in the mirror and be proud of who I am and the direction I'm headed."



"My journey started because I wanted to give more to my son. I wanted him to have a better life than I did, but it became so much more. It became a journey of discovery, of self-fulfillment, an opportunity to learn my dreams and create goals for myself."



"I started this course with a blank page, and along the way the page started to fill up with my thoughts, feelings, and ideas."



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Graduates of the UW Odyssey Project went forward towards their dreams by earning college degrees, taking more courses, and engaging in community activities such as directing a staged reading of "A Raisin in the Sun."