



### TV Purchases for Level 1 AIC's

Effective immediately, we have decided to allow Non-cash incentive level 1 AICs to purchase televisions. This will be reevaluated after the COVID situation ends. NW Commissary is aware of this change and will be allowing orders to be placed.

**For NCI Level 1 AICs only**, if you wish to order a TV, send an AIC communication with your request to Connie Kyle, here at OSP. She will confirm funds and forward your request to NW Commissary. NCI level 2 and 3 AICs must continue to order TVs on the kiosk.

**Remember:** You must have funds available to cover the purchase at the time your AIC Communication is submitted through the time the TV is charged to your account.

/s/ M. Yoder, Asst. Supt. General Services

## **Commissary**

### Commissary News, Updates and Reminders

#### **Updates**

We have been informed by our vendor that the D'Addario 5FT instrument cable we recently advertised is unavailable at this time due to safety measures implemented by the manufacturer.

We will issue credit to anyone who has been charged.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. As soon as we have word that they are in production we will send out notification.

/s/ A. Nelson, Commissary

## **Miscellaneous**

### Ramos Project

On April 20, 2020, in *Ramos v. Louisiana*, the United States Supreme Court ruled that the Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution requires unanimous jury verdicts for a conviction in a criminal case, striking

down Oregon's non-unanimous jury law. From now on, all jury convictions require unanimity in criminal cases. What does this mean for you?

1. If your case is currently on direct appeal (and you do not yet have a final judgment), then contact your appellate attorney.
2. If your case reached a final judgment (meaning you have completed your direct appeals), then whether you can benefit from the *Ramos* decision will depend on litigating numerous issues including its retroactivity through the post-conviction relief (PCR) process. This process will take time. People in custody impacted by the decision will not be immediately released.
3. Despite the impact of COVID-19, we have provided resources to you through your law libraries.

What is the Ramos Project and how we can help you? The Ramos Project was developed by Professor Aliza Kaplan, Director of the Criminal Justice Reform Clinic at Lewis & Clark Law School and O'Connor Weber LLC, a private appellate and PCR law firm in Portland. The Ramos Project's initial goal is to provide information (to anyone who thinks that they may have a PCR claim because of the *Ramos* decision) and assistance in filing their pro se PCR petition.

Where can you receive assistance in filing your pro se PCR petition? We encourage everyone to reach out to their facility's law library and get assistance in filing their pro se PCR petition if possible. You are welcome to fill out the PCR petitions by hand if mobility is limited due to the virus. The Ramos Project is providing all DOC law libraries sample pro se petitions with instructions that will help with filing. Please note: there are fees associated with filing for PCR.

Please contact us with your questions and concerns. We are here to help. Please contact us at Criminal Justice Reform Clinic, 4110 SE Hawthorne Blvd. #725, Portland, OR 97214

/s/ K. Raths, Inmate & Community Advocacy Administrator

### Corban University New Four Year College Degree Program

Oregon Department of Corrections, Corban University and Paid In Full Oregon have partnered to bring a four year Bachelor of Science degree program to the Oregon State Correctional Institution. Corban University is a private Christian university in Salem, Oregon, accredited by the Northwest Commission of Colleges and Universities. Paid in Full Oregon is a non-profit organization founded with the purpose of partnering with DOC and Corban University "to provide inmates a fully accredited bachelor's degree. Paid in Full Oregon is raising all the funds for this program. There will be no cost to students. The graduates will earn a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts with an emphasis in Psychology, Social Service, and Leadership. This program is about transforming lives. Graduates will not remain at OSCI, rather they will be sent to other institutions to serve as mentors to others. Twenty five students will be enrolled each year, for a maximum capacity of 100 students. Adults in custody will be transferred to OSCI from other institutions if accepted into the program. The new term is tentatively scheduled to start late August, 2020. This is a voluntary program. The minimum requirements are:

- Minimum of eight years left on sentence at time of enrollment.
- Non-Cash Incentive Level of 3. Level 2s may be considered with institution review and approval, on a case by case basis.
- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Minimum CASAS scores: Math – 236, Reading – 242.
- Completed application
- Agreement to mentor others upon completion of degree.

**We are now accepting applications.** If you meet the basic criteria listed above and wish to enroll in this program, send an Inmate Communication form to Ms. Norton, Education Manager, DOC Education, 3405 Deer Park Dr. SE-Res 1, Salem, OR, 97310. The Education staff will ensure you meet the basic criteria and then send you an enrollment application with directions on how to proceed. **Completed applications must be returned to Ms. Norton no later than July 1, 2020.**

From: OSCI Administration, Corban University, DOC Education section.

/s/ Nathaline Frener, Assistant Director  
Correctional Services Division



*If you treat people with dignity, respect and friendliness, you can turn enemies into friends. An enemy is nothing but a friend in disguise.*

*Ted Turner*