

2025 Impact Report



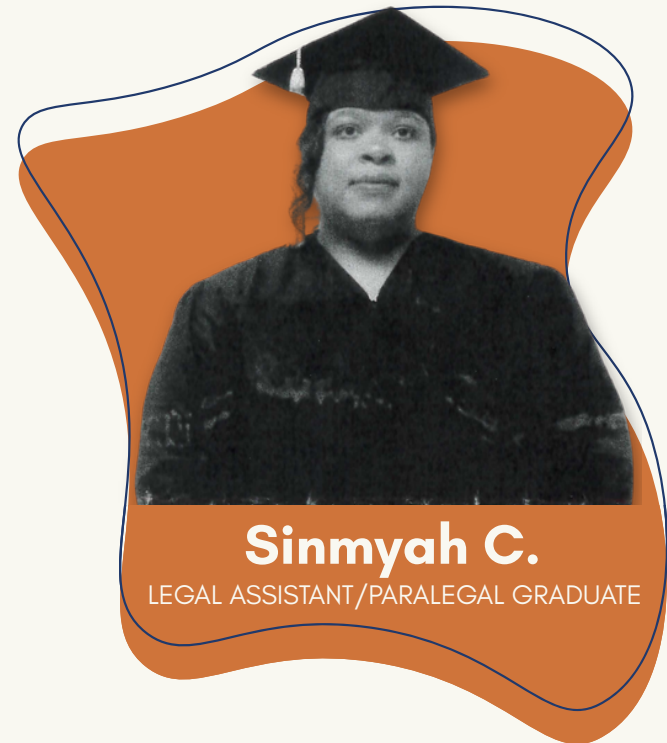
**Blackstone
Career Institute™**

Education is not just access --- it is a decision to build a different future.

Nearly two million people are incarcerated in the United States at any given time. While circumstances vary, one reality is consistent: access to structured, career-focused education is limited, inconsistent, or unavailable.

For individuals preparing to return to their communities, this gap represents more than lost time—it represents a missed opportunity to build direction, skills, and stability.

Nearly everyone who is incarcerated will eventually return home. The question is not if—but how prepared they will be when they do.



At Blackstone Career Institute, we provide correspondence-based career training designed to work within the realities of incarceration—no internet required.

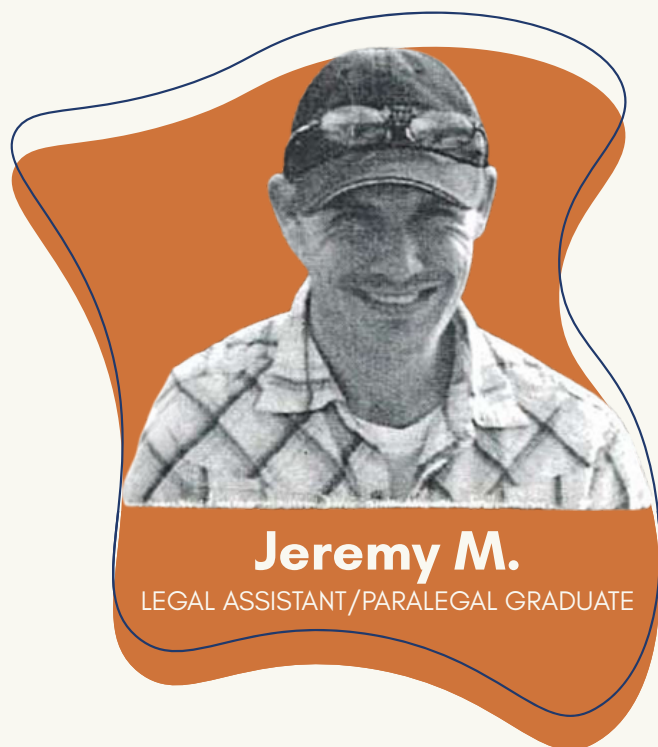
Our programs are built for individuals who are ready to take initiative. Coursework is completed independently, allowing students to build knowledge, discipline, and career-focused skills on their own schedule.

This model supports learning in environments where traditional or digital education may be limited or unavailable.

Impact at a Glance

1,646

students in Blackstone
programs



1,356

students completed at
least one course

collectively, students completed

38,511

units of coursework

Beyond enrollment and completion, the impact is reflected in how students engage with their education

- Choosing to **invest in personal growth** despite limited resources
- **Persisting through** self-paced coursework independently
- Building momentum toward **post-release goals**

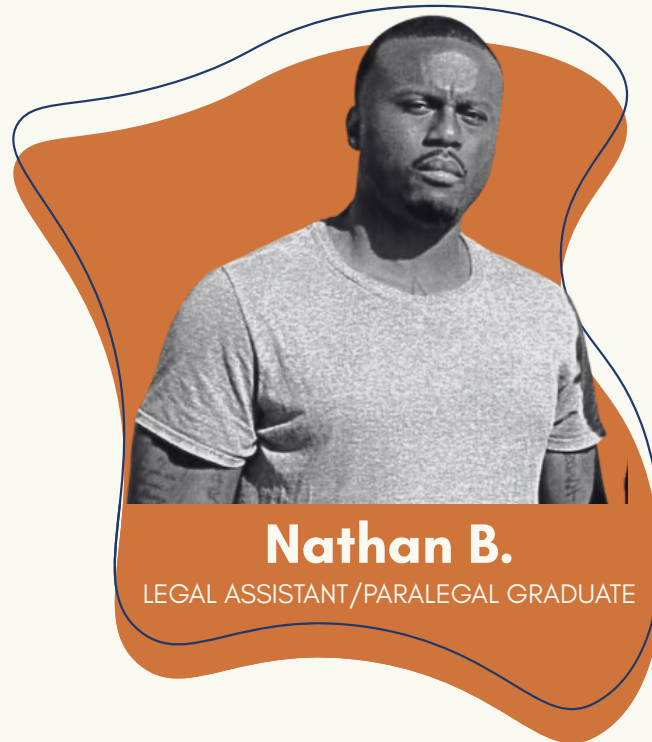
Every finished lesson represents forward movement. Every completed course represents a decision to invest in the future.

Legal Assistant/Paralegal Certificate Program

1,266
incarcerated students enrolled

1,015
graduates

80%
completion rate*



*Completion rates are based on cohort data for students completing within 150% of the expected program completion time

Advanced Paralegal Studies



Shane B.

ADVANCED PARALEGAL GRADUATE

380

incarcerated students enrolled

364

graduates

95.7%

completion rate*

*Completion rates are based on cohort data for students completing within 150% of the expected program completion time

Together, these programs create a pathway that enables students to build foundational legal knowledge and advance into specialized areas of legal study.

For many students, participation in our programs represents more than an academic achievement —it's an opportunity to:

- gain **confidence**
- demonstrate **perseverance**
- prepare for future educational and **career goals**

Every completed lesson represents commitment, accountability, and preparation for what's next.

These graduates demonstrate what can happen when education is matched with determination and follow-through.



Michael H.

LEGAL ASSISTANT/PARALEGAL GRADUATE



It meant that it wasn't wasted time. While everyone else was counting the days, I was using the time to my advantage.

[Read Michael's Story](#)

Growing up in poverty and then in prison, I easily fell into a trap of despair. Success and happiness felt abstract, like forgotten dreams.



I enrolled in the Blackstone Paralegal Course to expand my education and gain a marketable skill that could help me assist others. What I gained went far beyond practical skills. Through the process, I gained confidence—confidence to be my own spark of hope and align my intentions with meaningful results.

Every day, I use the skills I learned, not just legal research and writing, but critical thinking and problem-solving. My goal is to continue applying these skills in creative ways to help others.

— Matthew H.



*What started as studying the law
became my purpose—and my future.*



During my 12 years of incarceration, I spent my time studying—reading case law and working to better understand the legal system. What started as a personal effort turned into something more. I found a purpose I never expected. I learned about Blackstone through another legal writer who recognized my work and encouraged me to take the next step.

From that moment, I knew my life was changing. As I moved through the program, my mindset shifted. I no longer focused on the life I once lived. Instead, I focused on building something better. Completing the course was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.

Today, I have received interest from attorneys seeking paralegals and am working toward a sentence modification. I am confident I will soon have the opportunity to continue this path on the outside. Blackstone helped me turn my time into something meaningful—and gave me a goal to work toward.

– James G.

If you're motivated and ready to challenge yourself, I highly recommend Blackstone.

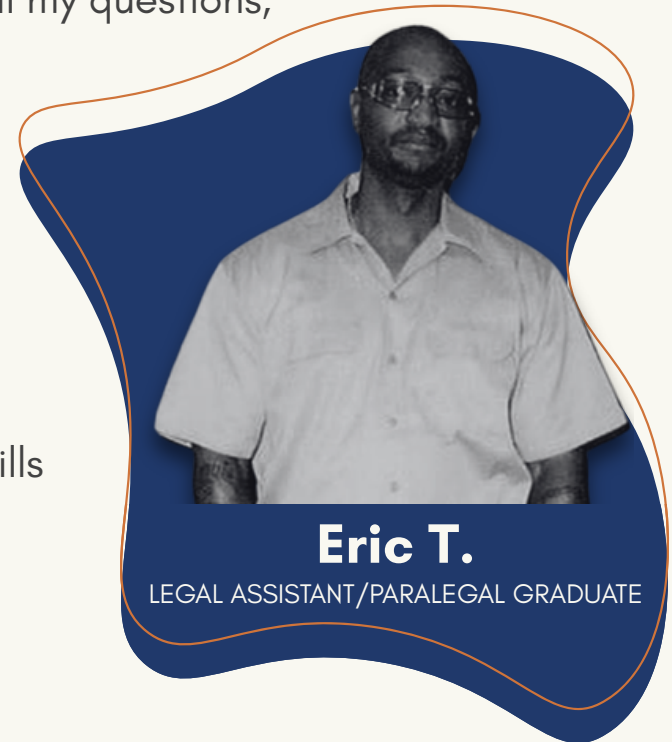


After completing a course on the Edovo platform, I researched Blackstone and decided to enroll in their Paralegal Program. The staff took the time to answer all my questions, and their professionalism stood out right away.

In my 33 years of incarceration, I've experienced several programs— but Blackstone is one of the best. My lessons arrived on time, my exams were returned promptly, and I always received clear, professional support.

I graduated with honors in March 2026... I plan to use these skills to build a better future upon my release.

— **Eric T.**



Education during incarceration is about more than passing time—it is about building confidence and capability.

Through Blackstone programs, students develop:

- **Critical thinking** and **problem-solving** skills
- A sense of purpose and **forward progress**
- **Self-discipline** and **accountability** through independent study
- Practical, **career-focused** knowledge
- **Improved communication** and professional writing skills

These outcomes support both personal development and preparation for **reentry into the workforce and community.**



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