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## **CLASS OF 2020**



## **Ronald Nicholson**

Ronald Nicholson spent over 35 years in various public safety occupations including the Military Police, as a Behavioral Specialist for the Mental Retarded Defendant Program, Corrections Officer, Counselor, and Training Specialist. He retired as an Employee Development Manager at the Federal Correctional Institute at Homestead and the Federal Correctional Institute at Miami.

Nicholson is a 1975 graduate of TCC as well as a graduate of the Florida State University School of Criminology, class of 1977. He was born in Leon County and graduated from Amos P. Godby High School, class of 1971. Nicholson is a retired Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army.

Nicholson was instrumental in the creation of a behavioral data program for the new Mental Retarded Defendant Program at the Florida State Hospital in Chattahoochee.

He also co-founded the Inmate's Speakers Group at FCI – Miami. This program was used widely by the local schools and Law Enforcement to stem the growing delinquency problems in Miami-Dade County.

Throughout his career Nicholson worked to further the public safety profession, from the development of data collection systems about clients, to the creation of an Annual Refresher program that saved the Bureau of Prisons from unnecessary waste of manpower and enhanced the security of their prisons.

Nicholson worked briefly as a Special Education Teacher at Carter-Parramore High School for Troubled Youth, and today is a volunteer with the Gadsden County Schools, assisting in the Pre-K Reading Program.