

**SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
PASSAIC VICINAGE**

**CHAMBERS OF
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Gov. Chris Christie to Speak at Passaic Vicinage Drug Court Graduation

Gov. Chris Christie will give the keynote address at the Passaic Vicinage drug court graduation on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 11 a.m. in the College Theater at Passaic County Community College, One College Blvd., Paterson.

Assignment Judge Donald J. Volkert Jr. and Criminal Division Presiding Judge Marilyn C. Clark will speak. Superior Court Judge Rudolph A. Filko will serve as the master of ceremonies. The Straight & Narrow Choir will perform.

Participants in the drug court program are required to remain drug and alcohol free and successfully complete an appropriate treatment program. Drug court participants also report to court and probation weekly and pay court-assessed fines.

The drug court program in the Passaic Vicinage began in 1997 with a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Justice. At that time, Passaic Vicinage was one of five initial pilot programs in New Jersey. Legislation signed in 2001 provided the Judiciary with funding to expand drug courts beyond the initial five courts. By Sept. 2004, drug courts were operating statewide.

More than 250 participants have graduated from the Passaic Vicinage Drug Court program since its inception. More than 3,400 people have graduated from New Jersey's drug courts

For more information about the Passaic Vicinage Drug Court program, contact program coordinator Adrien Byrd at 973-247-8343.

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