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## **Cumberland Drug Court Program to Hold Graduation Ceremonies**

The drug court program in Cumberland County will hold its graduation during two ceremonies on Wednesday, May 16 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Cumberland County Courthouse, 60 W. Broad St., Bridgeton.

Superior Court Judge Joseph M. Chiarello, who heads to the county's drug court program, will preside over the event. Ten candidates are eligible to graduate.

The Judiciary's drug court program operates within the Superior Court to address nonviolent drug addicted offenders. The program requires completion of four phases of intensive drug and alcohol treatment and recovery. This level of supervision permits the program to support the recovery process but also allows supervisors to react quickly to impose appropriate therapeutic sanction or to reinstate criminal proceedings when participants do not comply.

The Cumberland drug court team, under the guidance and direction of Assignment Judge Benjamin C. Telsey, provides management and services for the drug court participants to aid them in the recovery process.

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