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## **Ocean Vicinage to Hold Drug Court Graduation Ceremony**

The Ocean Vicinage will celebrate the successes of 21 drug court participants at a graduation celebration on Wednesday, May 22 at 11 a.m. in Mancini Hall at the Ocean County Library, 101 Washington St., Toms River.

Superior Court Judge Steven F. Nemeth will preside over the event.

The graduates have met the requirements of the program and have successfully completed their terms of probation supervision.

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 probation supervision. This level of supervision permits the program to support the recovery process but also allows the drug court team to react quickly to impose appropriate therapeutic sanctions or to reinstate criminal proceedings when participants do not comply.

The vicinage's drug court program serves approximately 413 participants. The program has graduated 547 participants since its inception in 2002.

For more event information, contact Carole Haines, drug court coordinator, at 732-504-0700, ext. 64242.

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