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Atlantic County Recovery Court to Graduate 42 Participants

The Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage will recognize the successes of 42 Atlantic County graduates of its recovery court program during two virtual ceremonies on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

The graduates, along with their friends and families, treatment providers and court staff, will attend the ceremonies at 9:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. The recovery court team, led by Superior Court Judge Mark Sandson and staffed by court personnel, attorneys, probation officers, substance abuse evaluators, and treatment professionals, has continued to support participants' recovery during the Covid-19 health crisis.

“Our total graduating class for 2020 is 88. The graduating class size reflects the enormous growth of our program, and further reflects the enormity of the substance abuse catastrophe impacting Atlantic County and our state. These graduates have achieved sobriety and employment. They are prepared for a life as positive family members, role models and citizens. All of them have embraced the concepts of honesty and recovery,” Judge Sandson said.

The ceremonies will include encouraging words from Assignment Judge Julio Mendez and Judge Sandson as they recognize the graduates' journeys from addiction to recovery.

The ceremonies also mark Judge Sandson's last group of recovery court graduates as he approaches retirement in November. During his four-year tenure as recovery court judge, he has made transformative changes in the program.

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