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## **Monmouth Vicinage to Hold Drug Court Graduation Ceremonies**

The Monmouth Vicinage will conduct its 33<sup>rd</sup> drug court graduation ceremony on Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Twenty drug court participants will be recognized for advancing through the four phases of drug court and satisfying the significant requirements of the program. Graduates will participate in a socially distanced outdoor event. Superior Court Judge Paul X. Escandon will preside.

“Our vicinage remains committed to making a difference in the lives of our drug court participants and we continue to celebrate their success. As we recognize the accomplishments of these graduates, we look forward to the positive impact that they will have on others and our community,” Assignment Judge Lisa P. Thornton said.

The number of drug court participants in Monmouth County has grown steadily since the program’s inception more than 18 years ago. The vicinage now has 283 active participants and 650 graduates.

The drug court program is a highly specialized team process within the Superior Court to address non-violent, drug-related cases. The rigorous program requires the completion of four phases of drug and alcohol treatment that include intensive probation supervision, frequent drug testing, and virtual court appearances.

To view the event virtually or for additional information, contact vicinage Drug Court Coordinator Melissa Garrett at 732-358-8700, ext. 87445.

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