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Middlesex Vicinage Drug Court Graduation to Feature Stories of Hope and Recovery

The Middlesex Vicinage will celebrate the graduation of 41 participants of its drug court program in a virtual ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 9 a.m.

The program will begin with a video highlighting the achievements of the class. Criminal Presiding Judge Colleen Flynn and Superior Court Judge Robert J. Jones, the vicinage's drug court judge, will speak. The graduates, introduced by their probation officers, also will speak.

Each graduate completed treatment and has more than a year of sobriety. Many returned to school, received job training, or started a new career. Some got married, and others welcomed drug-free babies, while still others bought cars, got their licenses restored, or purchased their first home. Some are considering careers in which they can help others face their addictions, and at least one is about to graduate college.

The Judiciary's drug court program operates within the Superior Court to address non-violent drug-related cases. The rigorous program requires completion of four phases of intensive drug and alcohol treatment that includes intensive probation supervision, frequent drug testing, and virtual court appearances.

More than 425 participants have graduated since the vicinage's drug court program began.

The event will be livestreamed on the vicinage's channel at
<https://www.njcourts.gov/public/channels.html>.

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