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## Atlantic County Recovery Court to Graduate 61 Participants

The Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage will recognize the successes of 61 graduates from the recovery court program in Atlantic County during a ceremony on Tuesday, May 24 at 10 a.m. at the Atlantic County Criminal Courthouse, 4997 Unami Blvd., Mays Landing.

“We’re thrilled to be getting back to some semblance of normal, with our first live graduation since 2019. The graduates deserve a lot of credit for sticking with the program during some very trying times,” said Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Waldman, who leads the vicinage’s recovery court program.

The ceremony marks two momentous events in the lives of participants: the culmination of their journeys from addiction to recovery, and a fresh start in life without the stigma of a criminal record. The recovery court team, which is staffed by court personnel, attorneys, probation officers, substance abuse evaluators, and treatment professionals, has continued to support participants in their recovery by providing supervision and resources.

Expungement petitions are submitted for eligible graduates.

The ceremony will include encouraging words from Assignment Judge Michael Blee, Criminal Division Presiding Judge Bernard DeLury, Judge Waldman, and other members of the recovery court team. A recovery court program alumnus will speak to the graduates about the importance of supportive influences and individual strength as they continue their recovery.

“I am fortunate to work with a team that is dedicated to the mission of saving the lives of those struggling with substance use disorders. This ceremony not only highlights the amazing achievements of our participants, but it also is a testament to the hard work of the team in helping others change their lives,” said Recovery Court Coordinator Vicky Golas.

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