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Hunterdon County Drug Court to Hold Graduation Ceremony

The Hunterdon County Drug Court will hold its drug court graduation on Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 11 a.m. in the Hunterdon County Historic Courthouse, 75 Main St., Flemington.

Eleven candidates are eligible to graduate from the program. Judge Angela F. Borkowski will preside over the event. A former graduate of the program, Christine Michaels of Integrity House, Inc., will deliver the keynote speech.

The drug court program works within the existing Superior Court structure, relying upon a collaborative relationship between criminal justice officials and drug treatment professionals to assist non-violent drug offenders in rehabilitation. Drug court programs are rigorous, requiring completion of four phases during five years of intensive drug and alcohol treatment and testing. Participants follow a tightly structured regime that includes random and frequent drug testing, intensive probation supervision, and regular court reporting.

The drug court judge heads a team of court staff, attorneys, probation officers, substance abuse evaluators, and treatment counselors who work together to support and monitor a participant's recovery. Since the Hunterdon County Drug Court began its program in September 2004, 50 participants have graduated.

For more information regarding drug court or the graduation ceremonies, contact program coordinator Lisa Scheidemann at 908-203-6171.