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Burlington Vicinage Holds Drug Court Graduation

Burlington Vicinage will honor 11 graduates of its drug court program on Thursday, Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. at the Burlington County Library, 5 Pioneer Blvd., Westampton.

Superior Court Judge Christopher J. Garrenger, who leads the vicinage's drug court team, will preside over the ceremony. Assignment Judge Ronald E. Bookbinder will deliver remarks to the graduates and their guests.

The ceremony celebrates the graduates' completion of a rigorous five-year program of comprehensive treatment, intensive supervision and strict accountability. This year, three drug-free babies were born to members of the graduating class and two graduates have regained custody of their children.

"The drug court program restores lives, reunites families and makes communities safer," said Judge Garrenger.

The drug court program is a highly specialized team process within the existing Superior Court structure in which criminal justice officials and drug treatment professionals work together to assist non-violent drug offenders in rehabilitation.

Reporters and photographers are invited to attend the ceremony.

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