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Mercer Vicinage to Hold Drug Court Graduation

The Mercer Vicinage will hold a ceremony for 12 graduates of its drug court program on Tuesday, May 15 at 10:30 a.m. in the Special Proceedings Courtroom on the fourth floor of the Mercer County Criminal Courthouse, 400 S. Warren St., Trenton.

Assignment Judge Mary C. Jacobson will welcome the graduating class. Superior Court Judge Timothy P. Lydon, who presides over the vicinage's drug court program, will host the ceremony. Mercer County Executive Brian M. Hughes will address the graduates.

Brandon Novak, a best-selling author, actor and former professional skateboarder, will deliver the keynote address. Novak, who has suffered with addiction since he was a teenage skateboarding prodigy, now travels the world for Banyan Treatment Center in Florida as an addiction/recovery public speaker.

The Judiciary's drug court program operates within the Superior Court to address nonviolent drug addicted offenders. The program requires completion of four phases of intensive drug and alcohol treatment and recovery. This level of supervision permits the program to support the recovery process but also allows supervisors to react quickly to impose appropriate therapeutic sanctions or to reinstate criminal proceedings when participants do not comply.

The Mercer Vicinage drug court program has more than 200 active participants. Since the inception of the drug court program in 1999, more than 245 participants have graduated.

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