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## **Morris/Sussex Vicinage Celebrates Drug Court Graduates**

The Morris/Sussex Vicinage will hold drug court commencement and graduation ceremonies on two separate days during National Drug Court Month.

The Sussex ceremony will be held Wednesday, May 23 at 2 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center of Sussex County Community College, One College Hill Road, Newton. Sussex drug court graduate Caitlin Jones will address the 10 new graduates of the program as well as nine participants who will advance to the final phase.

The Morris ceremony will take place on Tuesday, May 29 at 2 p.m. in the Dragonetti Auditorium of the County College of Morris, 214 Center Grove Road, Randolph. Morris drug court graduate Alex Esposito will deliver remarks to 14 new graduates and 26 participants who will advance to the final phase. Superior Court Judge Michael E. Hubner, who presides over the Morris and Sussex County drug courts programs, will host the graduation.

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 Morris drug court program has more than 220 participants and the Sussex program has nearly 190 participants.

For more information about the vicinage's drug court program or the commencement ceremonies, contact Drug Court Coordinator Jennifer Gulden at 973-326-6997.

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