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## **Ocean Vicinage Drug Court to Hold Graduation Ceremony**

The Ocean Vicinage will celebrate the successes of 17 participants in its drug court program during a graduation celebration on Wednesday, May 23 at 11 a.m. in Mancini Hall of the Ocean County Library, 101 Washington St., Toms River.

Superior Court Judge Steven F. Nemeth will preside over the event.

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 sanction or to reinstate criminal proceedings when participants do not comply.

The graduates have met all the requirements of the program and have successfully completed their terms of probation supervision.

The vicinage's drug court program serves approximately 430 participants. Since the vicinage's program began in 2002, 487 participants have graduated.

For more event information, contact Drug Court Coordinator Carole Haines at 732-929-2125.

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