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## Passaic Vicinage Celebrates Drug Court Graduates

The Passaic Vicinage will celebrate the graduation of 37 participants from its drug court program on Wednesday, May 23 at 9:30 a.m. at Passaic County Community College, One College Blvd., Paterson.

Former Villanova University basketball point guard Gary McLain, now a counselor in Palm Beach County, Fla., will be the keynote speaker. A seventh-round NBA draft pick, McLain was a member of Villanova's 1985 national championship team. Two years after the win, McLain admitted in the March 1987 issue of *Sports Illustrated* magazine that he had been using drugs since junior high school and began a cocaine habit while at Villanova.

The vicinage's drug court program has more than 600 participants.

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.

To learn more about the vicinage's drug court program or the upcoming graduation, contact Drug Court Coordinator Adrien Byrd at 973-247-8343.

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