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Somerset County Drug Court to Hold Graduation Ceremony

The drug court program in Somerset County will hold its 11th graduation celebration on Monday, Oct. 29, at 10:30 a.m. in the Ceremonial Courtroom in the Historic Courthouse, 20 N. Bridge St., Somerville.

Superior Court Judge Kathy C. Qasim will preside over the event, which will celebrate the success of 22 participants who have completed the drug court program over the past year.

Joel Pomales, clinical outreach coordinator and director of advocacy for SOBA College Recovery in New Brunswick, will give the keynote address.

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

The drug court program in Somerset County has approximately 125 participants.

For more event information, contact Lisa Scheidemann, drug court coordinator, at 908-824-9750, ext. 13518.

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