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Passaic Vicinage Celebrates Drug Court Graduates

The Passaic Vicinage will hold a graduation ceremony for 61 drug court participants on Friday, Nov. 30 at 9:30 a.m. at Passaic County Community College, 1 College Blvd., Paterson.

The keynote speaker will be Vanessa Vitolo, outreach coordinator for Victory Bay Recovery Center in Laurel Springs, Camden County. As a volunteer recovery advocate for Victory Bay, Vitolo participates in speaking engagements and panel discussions for a variety of organizations and has shared her story of addiction and recovery at the White House.

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

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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