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

The Burlington Vicinage will hold its 26th drug court commencement and graduation ceremony on Friday, April 5 at 2 p.m. at the Burlington County Library, 5 Pioneer Blvd., Westampton.

The commencement will recognize 17 new graduates who have successfully completed the program. The ceremony also will acknowledge 12 participants who will advance to various phases of the drug court program.

Superior Court Judge Christopher Garrenger, who presides over the Burlington drug court program, will host the graduation. Superior Court Judge Terrence Cook, who presides over the vicinage's criminal division, will address the group. Landon Hacker, an alumnus of the vicinage's drug court program, will give the keynote speech.

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 the team to react swiftly to impose appropriate therapeutic interventions or to reinstate criminal proceedings when participants do not comply with the program.

There are 210 active participants in the Burlington County program.

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