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Hudson Vicinage Drug Court to Hold 24th Graduation

The Hudson Vicinage will hold its 24th drug court graduation celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 12:30 p.m. in courtroom 908 of the Hudson County Administration Building, 595 Newark Ave., Jersey City.

The event will recognize 31 participants who successfully completed the program. Each graduate has attained a minimum of one year of continuous sobriety, has maintained employment, has earned or is working towards a GED or high school diploma, has established a regular payment history on court fines, and has established a sober community network where they live.

Assignment Judge Peter F. Bariso Jr. will address the graduates, family, friends, and supporters. Drug Court Judge Sheila Venable will preside over the event.

Anthony Jenkins of New Pathways Counseling Services in Bayonne will be the keynote speaker. Judiciary Voices in Unity, a choir composed of judges, attorneys, and court staff, will perform.

The Judiciary's drug court program operates within the Superior Court to address non-violent drug-related cases. The program requires completion of four phases of intensive drug and alcohol treatment and testing. 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.

The vicinage's drug court program, established in 2004, has more than 400 participants.

For more information about the event, contact Margareth Alwart, drug court coordinator, at 201-748-4400, ext. 60215

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