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Hudson Vicinage to Hold First Virtual Drug Court Graduation

The Hudson Vicinage will recognize 28 participants when it holds its first virtual drug court graduation at noon on Tuesday, June 16.

Assignment Judge Peter F. Bariso Jr. will welcome the graduates, their families, and attendees. Drug Court Judge Sheila A. Venable will preside. The judges will honor the graduates for their effort, dedication and commitment to recovery.

Graduates will have attained a minimum of one year of continuous sobriety and maintained gainful employment throughout their participation in the program. Most have successfully earned or are working toward earning their general equivalency or high school diploma, as well as paying their court-imposed financial obligations.

Special guest appearances will include Connie Lozada, performing "The Climb" and Christine Ribes from the Hudson Vicinage Judiciary Voices in Unity choir performing "Wind Beneath My Wings."

The program invites all graduates to become part of the Hudson drug court alumni in order to inspire others to become established members of society through their own recovery experiences.

To view the ceremony, visit the Hudson channel at njcourts.gov/public/channels.html.