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Atlantic County Recovery Court to Graduate 30 Participants

The Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage will recognize the successes of 30 graduates of its recovery court program during two virtual ceremonies on Tuesday, June 30.

The graduates, along with their friends and families, treatment providers and court staff, will attend virtual ceremonies at 10 a.m. and noon. The recovery court team, led by Superior Court Judge Mark Sandson and staffed by court personnel, attorneys, probation officers, substance abuse evaluators, and treatment professionals, has continued to support participants' recovery during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“It is hard to imagine a stronger or more heroic group of people. They have fought a life-shattering disease and are seeking to restore their families and communities, all while maintaining their sobriety through these difficult times,” Judge Sandson said.

The ceremonies will include encouraging words from Assignment Judge Julio Mendez, Judge Sandson, and retired Superior Court Judge Michael Connor as they recognize the graduates' journey from addiction to recovery. The ceremonies also will honor Judge Connor, Atlantic's first drug court judge.

Judge Connor, a pioneer in the New Jersey Judiciary's drug court program, led the drug court team in Atlantic County for more than 12 years.

“Given the hardships many faced during this time, this is a great opportunity to celebrate our participants who have continued to focus on their own personal growth and wellness in a time when it may have been easier to revert to old habits related to their substance use disorder,” said Recovery Court Coordinator Vicky Golas.

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