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Hudson Vicinage to Host 26th Drug Court Graduation

The Hudson Vicinage will recognize 22 participants when it holds its virtual drug court graduation at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Assignment Judge Peter F. Bariso Jr. will address the graduates, their families, friends, and supporters. Drug Court Judge Sheila A. Venable will preside.

Patricia Dellosso, former vicinage drug court coordinator, will be the keynote speaker. Dellosso, who retired as the vicinage's assistant criminal division manager in 2019, assisted in the development and advancement of the criminal division and the drug court team. Special guest Connie Lozada of the Hudson Vicinage Judiciary Choir will perform "The Climb."

The event, the 26th drug court graduation for the vicinage, will be the second virtual graduation since the onset of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Graduates will have attained a minimum of one year of continuous sobriety and have 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.

The program invites all participants 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, contact drug court coordinator Margareth Alwart at 201-748-4400, ext. 60215 or Margareth.Alwart@njcourts.gov.

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