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Camden Vicinage Drug Court to Celebrate Graduation

Assignment Judge Deborah Silverman Katz announced today that the Camden Vicinage will celebrate the anticipated graduation of 26 participants from its drug court program at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23 during a virtual court session.

The Camden County Bar Association will award a stipend to one graduate who has done very well in the program while advancing their education in the field of medical care.

During the commencement, the graduates will be acknowledged formally for their successful completion of the program's requirements.

Superior Court Judge Kathleen M. Delaney will preside and retired Superior Court Judge Stephen M. Holden and Ronald Lieberman of the Camden County Bar Foundation will present a scholarship. Graduation speakers also will include Dr. Paschal Nwako, health officer and public health coordinator for the Camden County Department of Health and Human Services.

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.

The vicinage's drug court program, which began in 1996, has 710 participants and has graduated 746 participants.

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