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Middlesex Vicinage to Celebrate 19th Drug Court Graduation

The Middlesex Vicinage will hold its 19th drug court graduation with a virtual ceremony on Friday, May 14 at 9 a.m.

Assignment Judge Michael A. Toto will welcome the graduating class. Criminal Presiding Judge Colleen Flynn will give introductory remarks. Superior Court Judge Robert J. Jones, who presides over the vicinage's drug court, will officiate and speak about the long-term success of the program.

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. Drug court programs are rigorous, requiring intensive probation supervision, treatment, frequent drug testing, and regularly scheduled in-person court appearances, which are currently being held virtually.

Since the vicinage's drug court program began in September 2004, 399 participants have graduated, and more than 34 children of participants have been born drug-free. There are more than 365 participants in the program.

The ceremony will be livestreamed to the public on New Jersey courts channels under Middlesex at <https://njcourts.gov/public/channels.html>.

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