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Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem Vicinage to Hold Virtual Drug Court Graduations

The drug court programs in Gloucester and Salem counties will hold virtual graduation celebrations on Wednesday, May 19 at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., respectively.

Superior Court Judge Sandra Lopez will preside over the events, which will celebrate the success of 11 participants who have met all requirements and have successfully completed the program.

Drug court alumni will share their recovery experiences, as well as messages of strength and hope.

The vicinage's drug court, which has programs in Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties, is one of the largest in New Jersey. The programs, operating since 2002, have served 2,746 people and have graduated 572 participants.

The Judiciary's drug court program operates within the Superior Court to address non-violent 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 drug court team to react quickly to impose appropriate therapeutic sanctions or to reinstate criminal proceedings when participants do not comply.

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