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## **Monmouth Vicinage to Hold Drug Court Graduation Ceremony**

The Monmouth Vicinage will conduct its 32<sup>nd</sup> drug court graduation ceremony on Tuesday, May 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Fourteen drug court participants will be recognized for advancing through the four phases of drug court and satisfying the significant requirements of the drug court program. Graduates will participate in a socially distanced outdoor event. Superior Court Judge Jill Grace O'Malley will preside.

“Our vicinage is proud to honor the exceptional achievements of our drug court graduates and we wish them continued success. Their completion of the program’s requirements will serve as an example to others. We also commend the drug court team members for their dedication to bringing about positive outcomes for participants,” Assignment Judge Lisa P. Thornton said.

The number of drug court participants in Monmouth County has grown steadily since the program’s inception more than 17 years ago. The vicinage now has 294 active participants and 636 graduates.

The drug court program is a highly specialized team process within the Superior Court to address non-violent, drug-related cases. The rigorous program requires the completion of four phases of drug and alcohol treatment that include intensive probation supervision, frequent drug testing, and virtual court appearances.

To view the event virtually or for additional information, contact Monmouth Vicinage Drug Court Coordinator Melissa Garrett at 732-358-8700 ext. 87445.

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