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## Recovery Court in Atlantic County to Graduate 30 Participants

The Atlantic/Cape May Vicinage will recognize the successes of 30 graduates of its recovery court program in Atlantic County during two virtual ceremonies on Tuesday, June 29 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
"The participants will be re-entering the workforce and life in general with a new skill set and a new appreciation of life. Opportunities abound for these recovery court graduates, who are fortunate that this achievement coincides with the lifting of COVID restrictions," said Superior Court Judge Jeffrey Waldman, who leads the vicinage's recovery court team.

The graduates will be joined remotely by their friends and families, treatment providers and court staff. The recovery court team, which is staffed by court personnel, attorneys, probation officers, substance abuse evaluators, and treatment professionals, has continued to support participants in their recovery and guide them through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ceremonies will include encouraging words from Assignment Judge Julio L. Mendez, Judge Waldman, and recovery court probation officers. While introducing their respective graduates, probation officers will speak of the strength and resolve that characterized each participant's journey to recovery.
"Recovery court graduation showcases the accomplishments of our participants as well as the unrelenting hard work and dedication by our staff, especially when faced with all the challenges of the pandemic this past year. We look forward to the future successes of our participants, who serve as role models for those looking to lead healthier and happier lives in their journey of recovery," Recovery Court Coordinator Vicky Golas said.

