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Hudson Vicinage to Hold 28th Drug Court Graduation

The Hudson Vicinage will recognize nine participants when it holds its drug court graduation at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 8 during a hybrid ceremony.

Graduates will appear in person to receive their certificates of completion from Assignment Judge Jeffrey R. Jablonski and Drug Court Judge Martha D. Lynes at the William J. Brennan Courthouse in Jersey City. Families, friends, and support networks will be able to view the graduation virtually via Zoom.

Judge Jablonski will address the graduates, their families, friends, and supporters. Judge Lynes will preside. Carlos Rodriguez, an active participant in the vicinage's drug court alumni group, will give the keynote address. Vicinage EEO Officer Kimberly Locker will performing "If You Believe."

The event, the 28th drug court graduation for the vicinage, will be the vicinage's first hybrid graduation since the start of the COVID-19 public health emergency. Graduates will have attained a minimum of one year of continuous sobriety and have maintained gainful employment throughout their participation in the program. Most have successfully earned or are working toward earning their general equivalency or high school diploma, as well as paying their court-imposed financial obligations. The program invites all participants to become part of the Hudson drug court alumni to inspire others to become established members of society through their own recovery experiences.

To view the ceremony, contact drug court coordinator Margareth Alwart at 201-748-4400, ext. 60215 or Margareth.Alwart@njcourts.gov.

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