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Monmouth Vicinage Holds Recovery Court Graduation Ceremony

The Monmouth Vicinage conducted its 34th recovery court graduation ceremony in two sessions today to recognize 25 participants advancing through the phases of recovery court and satisfying the significant requirements of the program.

“We commend our recovery court graduates for their strength and perseverance along their journey to recovery. Their accomplishments serve as inspiration for other participants, and for all of us. We look forward to their future success and the value that they will bring to our community,” Assignment Judge Lisa P. Thornton said.

The Judiciary’s recovery court program operates within the Superior Court to address non-violent drug-related cases. The rigorous program requires completion of four phases of intensive drug and alcohol treatment that includes intensive probation supervision, frequent drug testing, and virtual court appearances.

“Monmouth’s recovery court presents participants with the opportunity to address their substance abuse issues while simultaneously rehabilitating their criminal behavior. Although the program is rigorous, participants benefit from the extensive services it offers, including employment opportunities, educational placements, and therapeutic sessions. These graduates held fast to their recovery during unprecedented times and continued to be examples to their fellow participants,” said Superior Court Judge Paul X. Escandon, the vicinage’s recovery court judge.

The vicinage’s recovery court program, which started more than 19 years ago, has 268 participants and 656 graduates.

For more information about recovery court or the graduation ceremony, contact vicinage Recovery Court Coordinator Melissa Garrett at 732-358-8700, ext. 87445.

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