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Hudson Vicinage to Hold Drug Court Graduation

The Hudson Vicinage will hold a graduation ceremony for the adult drug court program on Monday, Dec. 19 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 908 of the Hudson County Administration Building, 595 Newark Ave., Jersey City.

The event will formally acknowledge 29 men and women who have successfully completed the requirements of the program. Hudson County Superior Court Judge Edward J. DeFazio will preside over the event. Former NFL player Vance Johnson, now a life coach and community outreach worker, will be the keynote speaker. The Judiciary Voices in Unity, a choir composed of judges, attorneys and court staff, will perform musical selections

The drug court program is a highly specialized team process within the existing Superior Court structure that relies upon a collaborative relationship between criminal justice officials and drug treatment professionals to assist non-violent drug offenders in rehabilitation. Drug court programs are rigorous, requiring completion of four phases during five years of intensive drug and alcohol treatment and testing. The program supports the recovery process but also allows supervisors to react swiftly to impose appropriate therapeutic sanctions or to reinstate criminal proceedings when participants do not comply with the program.

Graduates must meet all the requirements of the program, including maintaining one year of full-time employment and continuous sobriety, earning a GED or high school diploma and establishing a regular payment history on all court fines.

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