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Suffolk County Drug Treatment Court To Honor Graduates

CENTRAL ISLIP, NY – Suffolk County's Administrative Judge, Alan D. Oshrin, is pleased to announce that the Suffolk County Drug Treatment Court will be holding graduation ceremonies on Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., in the Central Jury Room of the Cohalan Courthouse.

The ceremonies will be presided over by the Hon. Salvatore A. Alamia, who is also the presiding judge of the Suffolk County Drug Treatment Court, and will feature the Presiding Officer of the Suffolk County Legislature, the Hon. Paul J. Tonna, who will be delivering the keynote address.

The twenty seven(27) graduates have all successfully completed

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the Suffolk County Drug Treatment Court's program. In order to graduate, participants must be active in the program for a minimum of one year, be drug and alcohol free for the last six months, complete major goals and objectives in the treatment plan, pay all fees, complete an aftercare plan, and be active in employment, treatment, school or training.

The goals of the Suffolk County Drug Treatment Court are to reduce drug addiction ,drug abuse, and drug-driven criminal offenses in Suffolk County; to obtain immediate and effective treatment for those residents of Suffolk County whose drug addiction has brought them into contact with the criminal justice system; and, lastly, to improve the efficiency of the Suffolk County Justice System.

Justice Oshrin observed, " I am very proud of these graduates, Judge Alamia and all the people involved with the program. The accomplishments of the graduates and all involved deserve our highest praise and recognition. By successfully completing this program, the graduates have earned an opportunity to continue on their path towards being successful and productive members of our community. It is truly an enormous achievement."

The press is invited to attend the ceremonies.

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