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## **SUPERIOR COURT OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CELEBRATES NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH BY HONORING GRADUATES OF THE SANTA MARIA SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT COURT**

**(SANTA MARIA, Calif.)** On Tuesday, September 17, 2019, the Honorable Kay Kuns will host a commencement ceremony to honor individuals who have successfully completed the Substance Abuse Treatment Court Program. The graduation will begin at 2:30 pm at the Santa Maria Veterans Memorial Building located at 313 W. Tunnel.

The graduation marks the 72th Commencement of the Santa Maria program and celebrates National Recovery Month. Special guests have been invited to speak and will personally congratulate each of the 5 graduates. Certificates of completion and raffle prizes will be presented, and, the graduates will be given an opportunity to speak about their personal experience in the Court program.

Participation in the Adult Substance Abuse Treatment program is a minimum of 12 months and involves different phases of intensive treatment, probation supervision, and Court reviews. Sobriety, recovery, and stability are promoted and successful completion may result in dismissal of charges and early termination of probation. The program is a multi-departmental collaboration between the Superior Court, the Probation Department, the Offices of the Public Defender and the District Attorney, the Department Behavioral Wellness, the University of California Santa Barbara, the Sheriff's Office and community based organizations. Graduates have successfully completed their treatment program and have maintained sobriety.

To learn more about the Collaborative Courts including resources, legislation and statistics, visit [www.nadcp.org](http://www.nadcp.org). To learn more about National Recovery Month visit <https://www.recoverymonth.gov/>.

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