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SUPERIOR COURT OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CELEBRATES NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH BY HONORING GRADUATES OF THE SANTA MARIA ADULT COLLABORATIVE COURTS

Santa Maria - On Tuesday, September 25, 2018, the Honorable Kay Kuns will host a commencement ceremony to honor individuals who have successfully completed one of the Adult Collaborative Courts which include Substance Abuse Treatment Court (SATC), Dual Diagnosis (DDX) Treatment Court, and Mental Health Treatment Court (MHTC) programs. The graduation will begin at 2:30 pm at the Santa Maria Veterans Memorial Building located at 313 W. Tunnel.

The graduation marks the 69th 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 participants who are scheduled to graduate. 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. Special guests will include representatives from the offices of Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham, Senator Hannah Beth Jackson and Congressman Salud Carbajal.

Participation in the Adult Collaborative Court programs is a minimum of a 12 month commitment, and each program 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. Graduates have successfully completed their treatment program and have maintained sobriety. The programs are a multi-departmental collaboration between the Superior Court, the Probation Department, the Offices of the Public Defender and the District Attorney, the Department of Behavioral Wellness, the University of California Santa Barbara, the Sheriff's Office and community based organizations.

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

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