



# NEWS RELEASE

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## SPRING 2022 DRUG COURT GRADUATION

SUPERIOR COURT OF  
CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF NAPA  
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Cynthia P. Smith  
Presiding Judge

Robert E. Fleshman  
Court Executive Officer

NAPA, CA – On May 5, 2022, the Napa community gathered at the Napa County Superior Court (and online) to celebrate the Drug Court graduation of three individuals who took part in this transformative program.

**Mission:** Drug Court is designed to stop substance abuse and related criminal activity. Drug Court offers a compelling choice for individuals whose criminal justice involvement stems from drug use, namely participation in treatment. In exchange for successful completion of the treatment program, the Court may dismiss the original charge, reduce or set aside a sentence, offer some lesser penalty, or offer a combination of these alternatives.

Drug Court Case Manager, Eddie Flores, noted: *“As the Drug Court Case Manager in Napa County for 12 years, I have the honor of supporting participants in rebuilding their lives, destroyed by addiction, from the ground up, including regaining their self-respect and dignity, reestablishing family relationships, becoming productive members of society, and carrying the message of hope and change to others who may benefit from their life experience. Successful graduates, often to their own surprise, are a true inspiration and example to their peers.”*

**Judicial Role:** Drug Courts transform the roles of both criminal justice practitioners and drug treatment providers. The judge is the central figure in a team effort that focuses on sobriety and accountability as the primary goals. Because the judge’s role is to keep participants engaged in treatment, providers can effectively focus on developing a therapeutic relationship with the participant. In turn, treatment providers keep the Court informed of each participant's progress.

Judge Joseph Solga added: *“These three graduates earned the respect and admiration of all who attended the graduation ceremony. They should be rightfully proud of their hard work and their success. I congratulate them and their families for this worthy achievement. I am grateful that the community continues to support this excellent program.”*

**Drug Court Eligibility:** Those with cases potentially eligible for Drug Court treatment are identified by the District Attorney's Office, by the Probation Department, or defense counsel. Selection is based on an application and review process and ultimately determined by the sentencing judge.

Check out more information [here](#) or you may contact the Napa County Drug Court, Case Manager, Eddie Flores, at (707) 253-4767.