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**The Volusia County Drug Court to Celebrate 100th Graduation on June 13**

The Volusia County Drug Court will mark a major milestone with its 100th graduation ceremony on Friday, June 13, at 10 a.m. in Courtroom 1 at the Volusia County Courthouse, 101 N. Alabama Ave., DeLand.

Established in 1997, the Volusia County Drug Court was the first program of its kind in the Seventh Judicial Circuit and remains its longest-standing problem-solving court. Since its inception, the court has supported individuals on the path to recovery, with 1,354 participants successfully completing the program.

At this milestone event, judges Elizabeth Blackburn and Kathleen McNeilly will graduate 14 participants from Drug Court. The ceremony will also recognize several former Drug Court judges who helped shape the program's legacy, along with the many community partners who have contributed to the program's success.

Graduates are expected to share personal stories that highlight the impact of accountability, treatment, and peer support —core values of the Drug Court model. Media are encouraged to attend and witness the transformative power of these programs firsthand.

Florida launched the national problem-solving court movement in 1989 with the first drug court in Miami-Dade County. The Seventh Judicial Circuit was an early adopter, with Volusia County leading the way.

To learn more about the Volusia County Drug Court, visit:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LxSWvciOa1I>

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