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Collaborative Courts Ceremony Honors 245 Recovery Milestones

Stockton, CA – The Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin is proud to celebrate the life-changing achievements of participants graduating from its Collaborative Courts programs. This year, the Court recognizes 245 individuals who have successfully completed DUI Court, Parole Reentry Court, Drug Court, and Dependency Drug Court.

Graduates will be joined by their families, friends, treatment providers, justice partners, and court staff for a special ceremony honoring their commitment to recovery, accountability, and personal growth.

Collaborative justice courts—also known as problem-solving courts—combine judicial supervision with rehabilitation services designed to address the root causes of criminal behavior. Through treatment, social services, education, and consistent support, these specialty courts help participants overcome substance use disorders, variety of personal challenges, and other barriers while reducing recidivism and improving long-term outcomes.

“Today’s graduates have demonstrated tremendous perseverance, courage, and determination,” said Kelly Placeres, Director of Collaborative Courts Programs. “Recovery is not a straight path, but each graduate here today chose to keep moving forward. We are honored to support them as they build healthier futures for themselves and their families.”

“The work of Collaborative Courts reflects the power of accountability paired with opportunity,” said Presiding Judge Jacot. “These graduates remind us that when individuals are given structure, treatment, and support, real transformation is possible. The Court is proud to celebrate their success.”

The celebration will feature special guests and speakers, including:

- **Congratulatory Remarks:** Congressman Josh Harder, Ninth US District and Assemblywoman Rhodesia Ransom, representing California’s 13th Assembly District, including Stockton, Tracy, and Mountain House.
- **Keynote Speaker:** Brett Keleher, Dependency Drug Court Case Manager and licensed substance abuse counselor with nine years of recovery.
- **Graduate Speaker:** Christopher Hill, a Drug Court graduate whose journey reflects the mission of Collaborative Courts.

Christopher Hill entered Drug Court on January 26, 2024, and overcame early challenges through dedication and treatment. His continued commitment to sobriety and service demonstrates the lasting impact of collaboration between the Court, Probation, and treatment partners.

The San Joaquin County Superior Court congratulates all graduates and applauds their remarkable accomplishments. Their success strengthens families, improves communities, and inspires hope for others beginning their own recovery journey.

Collaborate Courts Graduation Ceremony

Bob Hope Theater, 242 E. Main Street, Stockton, CA
Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 4 PM