

6th Circuit Drug Court celebrates graduation

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The 6th Judicial Circuit Adult Drug Court will celebrate its second graduation with a ceremony at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9, at the Adams County Courthouse in Natchez. The graduation will be held in the Chancery Courtroom on the second floor.

The keynote speaker will be Mississippi Department of Corrections Commissioner Chris Epps. Circuit Judge Lillie Blackmon Sanders will preside over the graduation.

Two people are expected to graduate, said Drug Court Coordinator Flavis Wiley.

The program began May 18, 2004, with five participants. A total of 40 people from Adams and Wilkinson counties are now enrolled.

Drug Courts seek to rehabilitate drug-using offenders through drug treatment and intense supervision with drug testing and frequent court appearances. Drug courts offer the incentive of a chance to remain out of jail, and the sanction of a jail sentence if participants fail to remain drug-free and in compliance with all program requirements.

Mississippi has 17 drug courts.

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