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**Officials to Help Celebrate New Lives for STAR Drug Court Graduates**

(Houston, Tx) Graduation ceremonies will be held **Wednesday (Dec. 3)** for 12 special graduates of the unique Success Through Addiction Recovery – STAR – Program of the Harris County Drug Court.

**The Wednesday event will begin at 3 p.m. in the 20th floor Ceremonial Courtroom of the Harris County Criminal Justice Center, 1201 Franklin St.**

Featured speaker is Elyse Lanier, the Port of Houston Commissioner and former First Lady of Houston. District Attorney Kenneth Magidson and the STAR Program judges will also offer their congratulations at the commencement event.

**The media is welcome; graduates will be available for interviews after the event.**

The 12 graduates have completed 12 to 18 months of the STAR regimen that focuses on rehabilitation, responsibility and work, thereby breaking the cycle of drug addiction and repeat incarceration.

Graduates and the participating judges and staff have done community service work in Lanier's "Clean & Green" conservation and beautification project.

The event Wednesday will also mark the final commencement for the four judges who have served in the STAR Drug Court Program. They include District Judges Devon Anderson, Caprice Cosper, Brock Thomas and Michael Wilkinson.

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