The year 2013 was filled with interesting events, including a celebrity’s bizarre trip to communist North Korea, a fall from the top of the cycling world, and an answer to an oft-asked national security question. Meanwhile, on campus things were going well. Ramapo was named a Best Value Public College by Kiplinger’s; the Les Paul Foundation’s significant gift resulted in the creation of the state-of-the-art Les Paul Studio for Music Recording and Sound Design; and then-President Peter Mercer threw out the first pitch at a Rockland Boulders minor league baseball game. Former New Jersey Assemblyman Timothy Eustace ’78 gave the Commencement address as 1,497 students received their degrees.

How much do you know about the year 2013?

**1. What was the Oxford Dictionary Word of the Year?**

Youthquake, Selfie, Vape

**2. How many consecutive Tour de France races did Lance Armstrong win before his titles were removed from the record books?**

Three, seven, eleven

**3. Which trendy food was invented by chef Dominique Ansel?**

Chocolate-Covered Pickles, the Cronut, Almond Butter Pretzel Nuggets

**4. Which former NBA star visited with North Korea leader Kim Jong Un?**

Dennis Rodman, Michael Jordan, Larry Bird

**5. Which Major League Baseball team won the World Series?**

New York Yankees, Seattle Mariners, Boston Red Sox

**6. Which national zoo announced the birth of twin panda cubs?**

Bronx Zoo, San Diego Zoo, Zoo Atlanta

**7. What was significant about Pope Francis’s selection in 2013?**

He was a Jesuit, he was from South America, first who took the name Francis, all of the above

**8. What was the highest grossing movie of the year?**

*Frozen, Iron Man 3, Hunger Games: Catching Fire*

**9. Which film was the first major motion picture to be translated into any Native American language?**

*Jaws, Beauty and the Beast, Star Wars*

**10. What did the CIA publicly acknowledge for the first time in 2013?**

Identity of Watergate figure “Deep Throat,” Area 51, moon landing was a hoax

Answers:

1. According to Oxford research in 2013, the use of the word “selfie” increased by 17,000% from the previous year, earning it the top selection as Oxford’s Word of the Year.
2. After years of denial, Lance Armstrong was stripped of his seven Tour de France titles from 1999 to 2005 after a doping investigation and his own admission that he used performance-enhancing drugs.
3. In 2013, people waited on line for hours to purchase a cronut, a cream-filled croissant doughnut hybrid that was sold in bakery locations in New York City, London, Tokyo and Los Angeles. Cost: $5.
4. Dennis Rodman attracted attention by visiting North Korea and meeting with leader Kim Jung Un, whom Rodman claimed to be a big Chicago Bulls fan. Rodman made several additional trips to North Korea, resulting in a lot of speculation and head scratching by world leaders.
5. The Boston Red Sox defeated the St. Louis Cardinals in six games to win the World Series. Boston won, 6-1, in front of the home crowd at Fenway Park, and David “Big Papi” Ortiz earned World Series MVP honors.
6. A 15-year-old giant panda named Lun Lun gave birth to twin cubs at Zoo Atlanta. Mei Lun and Mei Huan were the first twin pandas born in the United States since 1987.
7. All of the above. Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in 1936, was the first Jesuit, the first from the Southern Hemisphere and the first pope from outside Europe since Gregory III, a Syrian who reigned in the 8th century. Although he is the first to take the name Francis, he has declined to use the Roman numeral I after his name.
8. Disney’s *Iron Man 3* grossed $408,992,272 following its May 3 release. It edged out *Hunger* *Games: Catching Fire* ($407,139,699), *Despicable Me 2, Frozen* and *Man of Steel* to round out the top five for the year.
9. In 2013, Manuelito Wheeler, director of the Navajo Nation Museum, approached the Navajo Nation and Lucasfilms to have the 1977 film *Star Wars: A New Hope* translated. “This was an idea that I felt was a way to promote our culture, promote our language, a way to save our language,” Wheeler said.
10. On August 16, 2013, the CIA declassified a document that acknowledged the existence of Area 51–even including a map and mentioning sightings of UFOs. The document fell short, however, of any mention of aliens being kept there.