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**RAMAPO COLLEGE CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK**

(Mahwah) – Ramapo College of New Jersey will observe International Education Week 2004, November 8 – 12, by hosting daily on-campus activities for students, faculty and staff at the College. The theme of the week is “How Global Can We Be? Celebrating and Promoting International Education and Exchange. “

The activities include a forum, “Globalization and the Evolution of Languages: What is Won, What is Lost?” and a panel discussion, which includes visiting professors, who will discuss “International Views of the U.S. Elections.” There will also be a presentation about humanitarian efforts in Darfur (Sudan).

Secretary of State Colin L. Powell and Secretary of Education Rod Paige have called for the celebration of International Education Week. It is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States.

In his comments, Powell said, “People-to-people diplomacy, created through international education and exchanges, is critical to our national interests. Americans who study aboard expand their global perspective and become more internationally engaged. Foreign students and individuals who participate in citizen exchanges return home with a greater knowledge of our democratic institutions and America’s enduring values.”

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