Academic Achievement Ceremony

Thursday, May 16, 2013
3 p.m.
Sharp Theater, Berrie Center
RAMAPO COLLEGE ALMA MATER

Lyrics by:
Michael Alasa

Music by:
David Welch

Ramapo we sing to you.

Ramapo with pride.

Praised filled voices raised on high fill your mountain side.

In the time we’ve spent together we have come to learn
to have dignity, a mind that’s free and celebrate humanity.

Ramapo, as years go by.

Ramapo with love.

Even when you’re far away, for ever we’ll be one.

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**SCHOOL AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

**Anisfield School of Business**, Lewis Chakrin, Dean

- Kelly A. Yago: Accounting
- Christine L. O’Neill: Economics
- Courtney L. Snyder: Finance
- Christopher M. Auteri: Information Systems
- Kloudya R. Molina: International Business
- Adam R. Rinaldi: Management
- Maxwell D. Auth: Marketing
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- Irina Samoila: Faculty-Student Research Award

**School of Contemporary Arts**, Steven Perry, Dean

- Jillian A. DiBlasio: Communication Arts, Digital Filmmaking
- Kelsey E. Higgins: Communication Arts, Global Communication & Media
- Andrew Gould: Communication Arts, Journalism
- Matthew J. Giulieri: Communication Arts, Visual Communication Design
- John M. Critelli: Communication Arts, Writing
- Casey N. Pioli: Contemporary Arts
- Rosanna L. O’Brien: Music
- Vanessa S. Rappa: Theater
- Amy L. Cunningham: Visual Arts
- Maximillian A. Liebman: Ramapo Undergraduate Book Prize
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**Salameno School of American/International Studies**, Hassan Nejad, Dean

- Kathryn L. Crothers: American Studies
- Ruthann L. Inserra: History
- Ashley T. Wood: International Studies
- Gabrielle R. Bonett: Liberal Studies
- Francesca R. Baratta: Literature
- Omar P. Alkhalili: Political Science
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Introduction and Greetings
by Beth Barnett,
Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

School Awards for Outstanding Academic Achievement
and Faculty-Student Research Awards
presented by the Deans

Anisfield School of Business – Lewis Chakrin
Contemporary Arts – Steven Perry
Salameno School of American and International Studies – Hassan Nejad
Social Science and Human Services – Samuel Rosenberg
Theoretical and Applied Science – Edward Saiff

American Federation of Teachers Award
presented by Martha Ecker,
President of AFT Local 2274

Lee Sennish Prize
presented by Peter P. Mercer, President and Katherine McGee,
Coordinator of the Women’s Center

Closing Remarks
by Peter P. Mercer, President

Alma Mater

Music Provided by Professor Lisa Lutter

Vocal Performance by Katherine M. Reynolds

Family Barbeque at 6 p.m. on the Band Shell Lawn
following the Arching Ceremony.
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