

Joseph Birish

OUTSTANDING FINANCE STUDENT

Joseph Birish has been selected by the Finance faculty to receive this year's award for Outstanding Academic Achievement in Finance.

Joseph came to Ramapo College after years of work experience in a variety of fields, ranging from information technology to automotive repair. Four years ago, while working as a BMW certified master mechanic, he decided to return to school to earn a bachelor's degree in Finance. While pursuing his degree, Joseph continued to work in the automotive industry for a parts supplier, where he was quickly promoted to supervisor. When his department was relocated to Texas, Joseph was offered another promotion to head the department there. Instead, he declined the position and left the company in order to continue his education at Ramapo. Never one for idle time, Joseph utilized his change in employment status to overload both of his senior semesters in order to add a minor in Accounting. His ambition and hard work paid off when he was recently inducted in the Beta Gamma Sigma, the International Business Honor Society for AACSB Accredited Business Schools.