



HONORS CONVOCATION

April 25, 2012

3 p.m.

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 RAMAPO
COLLEGE
OF NEW JERSEY

The Honors Convocation celebrates the academic achievements of undergraduate students at Ramapo College of New Jersey.

As we continue to admit students who are better prepared for the rigors of college, students honored at this event are more and more likely to be among the most outstanding. These students are recognized for their specific as well as more general intellectual achievements.

The Office of the Provost would like to recognize the gracious assistance of all whose work makes our acknowledgement of student achievement possible today.

We would like to thank the deans, conveners, and faculty who took the time to assess carefully the contributions of students considered for these awards.

We are especially grateful to the benefactors who contributed monetary awards: the Ramapo Federation of State College Teachers/AFT Local 2274, Carol Schaefer/Shepard Foundation, and others. (See About The Awards for more details.)

Our greatest appreciation is extended to those students honored today and to the many students whose achievements made the choice of honorees a difficult one. Their excellent academic achievement and co-curricular activities are the life of Ramapo College.

ABOUT THE AWARDS

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT MAJOR AWARD

The Outstanding Academic Achievement Major award is given each year to a graduating senior in each major with a 3.5 and above grade point average who has excelled in his or her field of study. Majors with more than 250 students will be granted two awards. The Ramapo Federation of State College Teachers/American Federation of Teachers Local 2274 provides the monetary awards from generous contributions of their union members.

RAMAPO BOOK PRIZE for ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The Ramapo Book Prize for Academic Excellence is awarded each year to one continuing student in each school who has exhibited outstanding achievement in his/her field of study. The Ramapo College of New Jersey Office of the Provost provides each student with a gift award.

NASW SOCIAL WORK SCHOLARSHIP

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Social Work Scholarship award is given to an undergraduate social work student for the opportunity to attend professional conferences or for scholarship. An endowment for the NASW/Social Work Scholarship generously provides the monetary award.

HERBERT WORTREICH AWARD

The Herbert Wortreich Award is given to a graduating senior who best embodies the values of an environmental professional and offers promise of contributing to the field. An anonymous benefactor generously donates the monetary award.

CAROL SCHAEFER HUMAN SERVICES/SHEPARD FOUNDATION AWARD

The Carol Schaefer Human Services Award is given to four graduating students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to working in the human services field and who will be attending graduate school next year. Each recipient receives a generous monetary award graciously provided by the Carol Schaefer/Shepherd Foundation.

FACULTY-STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS

The prestigious Faculty-Student Research Award is given to a team of students or up to two individual students in each of the academic schools who have conducted research in close collaboration with faculty mentors and made a significant contribution to the project. Students will have presented the research at an outside conference presentation or exhibition or submitted it for publication. The Ramapo College of New Jersey Office of the Provost proudly provides each student with a gift award.

AFT GRADUATE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

The AFT Graduate School Scholarship is selected by the Ramapo Federation of State College Teachers/American Federation of Teachers Local 2274 and awarded to one graduating senior who intends to pursue graduate studies. The Ramapo Federation of State College Teachers/American Federation of Teachers Local 2274 provides a generous monetary award from contributions of their union members.

HENRY J. FRUNDT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Henry J. Frundt Memorial Scholarship is given to a second- or third-year student with an interest in labor studies, social justice, or Latin American Studies. The Ramapo Federation of State College Teachers/American Federation of Teachers Local 2274 generously provides a monetary award from contributions of their union members.

LEE SENNISH PRIZE

The Lee Sennish Award is given annually to a graduating female student who demonstrates outstanding fulfillment or visibly improved academic performance over the period of enrollment, has 60 or more credits completed at Ramapo, and has a minimum grade point average of 2.75. The Ramapo College of New Jersey Office of the President proudly provides a monetary award.

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Introduction and Greetings

by Beth Barnett,
Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

School Awards for Outstanding Academic Achievement presented by the Deans

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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

Faculty-Student Research Awards

presented by Beth Barnett, Provost

American Federation of Teachers Awards

presented by Irene Kuchta,
President of AFT Local 2274

Lee Sennish Prize

presented by Katherine McGee,
Coordinator of the Women's Center

Closing Remarks

by Peter P. Mercer, President

Alma Mater

Reception to follow in the Alumni Lounge

Music Provided by

Professor Lisa Lutter

Vocal Performance by

Lindsay Williams

SCHOOL AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Anisfield School of Business, Lewis Chakrin, Dean

Erin L. Kaplan-Burns	Accounting
Martin A. Cohen	Economics
Patrick S. Zwally	Finance
Kwon K. Yong	Information Systems
Johnny Olsson	International Business
Michael J. Chananie	Management
Alec C. Clark	Marketing
Caitlin D. Mahoney	Book Prize

School of Contemporary Arts, Steven Perry, Dean

Tricia R. Kissinger	Communication Arts, Digital Filmmaking
Nicholas M. Messina	Communication Arts, Global Communication & Media
Elyse M. Toribio	Communication Arts, Journalism
Kristenelle B. Coronado	Communication Arts, Visual Communication Design
Courtney L. Brach	Communication Arts, Writing
Ashley M. Katalenas	Contemporary Arts
Mark T. Weyant	Music
Molly K. Rodino	Theater
Jonathan Bonacolta	Visual Arts
Stefani E. De Carlo	Book Prize

Salameno School of American and International Studies, Hassan Nejad, Dean

Angelyn M. Conklin	American Studies
Devin T. McGinley	History
Nora C. Dougherty	International Studies
Amanda E. Lentino	Literature
Yamesha C. Woodley	Political Science
Caroline M. Canevet	Spanish Language Studies
Keysi M. Castillo	Book Prize

School of Social Science and Human Services, Samuel Rosenberg, Dean

Maureen E. Takach	Africana Studies
Elizabeth K. Thompson	Environmental Studies
Ariel D. Hay	Law and Society
Victoria L. Blume	Psychology
Wendy A. Levine	Psychology
Emily T. Shown	Social Science
Taryn L. Blaustein	Social Work
Marjorie R. Pires	Sociology
Kevin P. McOwen	Teacher Education
Sara Gordon	Book Prize
Kelly A. Espino	NASW Social Work Scholarship
Karen K. Dougherty	Herbert Wortreich Award
Taryn L. Blaustein	Carol Schaefer Human Services Award
Jessica L. Janson	Carol Schaefer Human Services Award
Kathryn A. Slavin	Carol Schaefer Human Services Award
Edward G. Watson	Carol Schaefer Human Services Award

School of Theoretical and Applied Science, Edward Saiff, Dean

Rami Alrabaa	Biochemistry
Jacqueline R. Katz	Biology
Kathleen E. Carpio	Biology
Danielle M. Mazza	Chemistry
Michael D. Walker	Computer Science
Angela E. Dorstek	Engineering Physics

School of Theoretical and Applied Science, Edward Saiff, Dean (continued)

Veranika Ivanashka
Samantha M. Pezzimenti
Maureen E. Takach
Jywel V. Almirante
Kelsey P. Chetnik

Environmental Science
Mathematics
Nursing
Nursing
Book Prize

FACULTY-STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS

ANISFIELD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Valensiya O. Tsvetanova

Faculty Sponsor Cherie Ann Sherman

“Delta Airlines, creeping Sharia law or business as usual”

SCHOOL OF CONTEMPORARY ARTS

Ashley M. Katalenas

Faculty Sponsor Warner Wada

“Large Format Photographic Portfolio”

Rachel A. Kehoe

Faculty Sponsor Yolanda del Amo

“The Re-photographed Memory”

SALAMENO SCHOOL OF AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Brendan K. Flanagan

Faculty Sponsor Rebecca Root

“Applying Insights from Recent Transitional Justice Scholarship to the Northern Irish Case”

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Roya Amirniroumand & Mariana Clavelo (team)

Faculty Sponsor Shaziela Ishak

“Comparing children’s decisions when fitting the body and objects through openings”

SCHOOL OF THEORETICAL AND APPLIED SCIENCE

Camille M. Menendez

Faculty Sponsors Scott Frees and Paramjeet Bagga

“Developing Bioinformatics Tools for Studying Evolutionarily Conserved Regulatory Motifs in Mammalian Genomes”

Julie T. Truong

Faculty Sponsor Seung-Sup Kim

“Biochemical and Structural Studies of several recombination proteins from *Deinococcus radiodurans*”

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS

LOCAL 2274

AFT Graduate School Scholarship

Nicole Catalano

Henry J. Frundt Memorial Scholarship

Kristen Sellix

LEE SENNISH PRIZE

Martha E. Sgambati

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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