



Academic Achievement Ceremony

Thursday, May 16, 2013

3 p.m.

Sharp Theater, Berrie Center

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 **RAMAPO**
COLLEGE
OF NEW JERSEY

The Academic Achievement Ceremony (formerly 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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

ORDER OF EVENTS

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.

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
Macrae M. Francis	Ramapo Undergraduate Book Prize
Irina Samoila	Faculty-Student Research Award
	<i>Faculty:</i> Juan F. Cabrera
	<i>Title:</i> Attention Constraints and the Quality of Financial Markets: An Experimental Study

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. Giuliani	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
Adam J. Lazor	Faculty-Student Research Award
	<i>Faculty:</i> Ben Neill
	<i>Title:</i> Music in Nature

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
Keysi M. Castillo	Spanish Language Studies
John Celbert M. Sapida	Ramapo Undergraduate Book Prize
Kimberly M. Eskin	Faculty-Student Research Award
	<i>Faculty:</i> Todd Barnes
	<i>Title:</i> Geek Chic Shakespeare: Bookworms, Computer Nerds and Drama Queens

School of Social Science and Human Services , Samuel Rosenberg, Dean	
Rachel E. Frank	Environmental Studies
Lyanne Prieto	Law and Society
Sara M. Gordon	Psychology
Katherine M. Reynolds	Psychology
Jack Nagano	Social Science
Carol Parker	Social Work
Olga Bouzlya	Sociology
Ruthann L. Inserra	Teacher Education
Nicole M. Norrisroe	Ramapo Undergraduate Book Prize
Adam B. Assoian	Faculty-Student Research Award
	<i>Faculty:</i> Shaziela Ishak
	<i>Title:</i> Visual Guidance When Army Crawling Under Barriers
Carol Parker	NASW Social Work Scholarship
Karin La Greca	Herbert Wortreich Award
Brianna F. Collinson	Carol Schaefer Human Services Award
Devorah Karp	Carol Schaefer Human Services Award
Julissa S. Pena	Carol Schaefer Human Services Award
Susan A. Vanino	Carol Schaefer Human Services Award
Jaime L. Ziegelhofer	Carol Schaefer Human Services Award

School of Theoretical and Applied Science , Edward Saiff, Dean	
Priscilla T. Chow	Biochemistry
Camille M. Menendez	Bioinformatics
Michelle E. Favre	Biology
Caroline A. Rutigliano	Biology
Stephan Bien-Aime	Chemistry
Andrzej Brynczka	Computer Science
Brianna R. D'Amato	Environmental Science
Geena N. Cockroft	Mathematics
Chelsea R. Mei	Nursing
Jaime J. Muscianesi	Nursing
Sarah ,	Ramapo Undergraduate Book Prize
Andrew J. Belmont	Faculty-Student Research Award
	<i>Faculty:</i> Amanda Beecher
	<i>Title:</i> Classification of Finite Dynkin Diagrams

**AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS
LOCAL 2274**

AFT Graduate School Scholarship

Kristen E. Sellix

LEE SENNISH PRIZE

Lyanne Prieto

*Biographies and program will be posted on our website at
www.ramapo.edu/aac*

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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