



2014 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CEREMONY

SCHOOL OF CONTEMPORARY ARTS

The outstanding student in JOURNALISM AWARD goes to **NICOLE ALLIEGRO**.

Nicole is a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the Alpha Lambda Delta first year honor societies. She also served for two years on the planning committee of Relay for Life as the registration sub-committee chair.

Nicole reflects that her greatest involvement at Ramapo was a four-year commitment with The Ramapo News, starting out as a volunteer staff writer and then quickly assumed the News Editor position in November 2010. She has just finished serving a two-year tenure as Editor-in-Chief of the paper.

Nicole presented her College Honors program thesis project at the College Honors symposium on April 9th. The project focused on the coverage of social issues in The Ramapo News from its first issue (early 70s) to the present to examine what topics college students cared about from decade to decade.

Nicole interned at WABC-TV in New York City with their news website, 7online, during the Fall 2012 semester and recently interned at Life & Style, InTouch, and Closer Weekly magazines (Spring 2014). She also maintained two on campus jobs, as a mathematics tutor for TAS and as an editorial associate for Professor Paul Elovitz, who runs a psychohistory journal.

Among the recognition and awards she received, Nicole was awarded the Maureen Roscelli Memorial Scholarship from the Garden State Journalists Association, which is given to junior journalism students who show exceptional promise.

Upon graduation, Nicole will be joining the 2014 Teach for America Corps of Greater Philadelphia to become a middle school English teacher and will continue to pursue writing in her future.