



Academic Achievement Ceremony

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

3 p.m.

Sharp Theater, Berrie Center



The Academic Achievement Ceremony celebrates the academic achievements of undergraduate students at Ramapo College of New Jersey.

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 the contributions of students considered for these awards.

We are especially grateful to the benefactors who contributed monetary awards.

Our greatest appreciation is extended to the students honored today. 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/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 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 Faculty-Student Research Award is given to 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. The Ramapo College of New Jersey Office of the Provost provides each student with a gift award.

CAROL SCHAEFER HUMAN SERVICES AWARD

The Carol Schaefer Human Services Award is given to 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 monetary award provided by the Carol Schaefer/Shepherd Foundation.

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 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.

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 provides a monetary award from contributions of their union members.

LEE SENNISH PRIZE

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

COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM AWARD

The Honors Award is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance over the period of enrollment and has a minimum grade point average of 3.0. The Ramapo College of New Jersey Honors Program proudly provides a gift award to the student with the highest honors GPA.

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Introduction and Greetings

Beth Barnett

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

School Awards for Outstanding Academic Achievement and Faculty-Student Research

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Contemporary Arts – Dean Steven Perry

Salameno School of Humanities and Global Studies – Dean Susan Hangen

Social Science and Human Services – Dean Aaron Lorenz

Theoretical and Applied Science – Dean Edward Saiff

College Honors Program Award

Director Rebecca Root

American Federation of Teachers Graduate School Scholarship Award

Henry J. Frundt Memorial Scholarship Award

Kathleen Shannon, Local 2274

Lee Sennish Prize

Peter P. Mercer, President

and

Tamika Quick, Assistant Director, Equality and Diversity Program

Closing Remarks

Peter P. Mercer, President

Alma Mater

Music provided by Professor Lisa Lutter

Vocal Performance by Danielle Zaroni

Awardees will recess to The Grove immediately following the event.

*At 5 p.m. graduates will line up at their designated school areas
for the Ramapo College Arching Ceremony.*

All are welcome to attend the Arching Ceremony at 5:30 p.m.

SCHOOL AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Anisfield School of Business, Edward Petkus, Dean

Stephen Geerlof	Accounting
Alyssa Bernstein	Accounting
Daniel Plessner	Economics
Michael Thum	Finance
Dana Baquiran	Information Technology Management
Maral Tezcan	International Business
Gabriella Fiorino	Management
Paola Villanueva	Marketing
Rudolf Hass	Ramapo Undergraduate Book Prize
Julia Housel	Faculty-Student Research Award
	Faculty: Dr. Desi Budeva
	Title: <i>Teaching critical thinking to marketing students</i>
	Title: <i>The effect of institutional distance on international market selection</i>

School of Contemporary Arts, Steven Perry, Dean

Natalie Tyszka	Communication Arts, Digital Filmmaking
Sara Eljouzi	Communication Arts, Global Communication & Media
Mehnaz Ladha	Communication Arts, Journalism
Mohamed Eldib	Communication Arts, Visual Communication Design
Emily Inserra	Communication Arts, Writing
Sashka Kotzeva	Contemporary Arts
Jacqueline Narciso	Music
Victoria Tommasulo	Theater
Alissa Paulison	Visual Arts
Amanda Steurnagel	Ramapo Undergraduate Book Prize
Grant Brazer	Faculty-Student Research Award
	Faculty: Ben Neill
	Title: <i>Manitoga, Steak ABC, La Tromba Nello Spazio, Fathom, Chaotica</i>

Salameno School of Humanities and Global Studies, Susan Hangen, Dean

Emily Konopka	American Studies
Sara Catherine Lichon	History
Jacqueline Basile	International Studies
Wesley May	Liberal Studies
Jessica Bowman	Literature
Cassandra Fenton	Political Science
John Klalo	Spanish Language Studies
Francesca Evans	Ramapo Undergraduate Book Prize
Sabrina Santamaria	Faculty-Student Research Award
	Faculty: Amanda Roberti
	Title: <i>How the media has framed the topic of abortion 1992-2016</i>

School of Social Science and Human Services, Aaron Lorenz, Dean

Andrew Herrera	Environmental Studies
Candace Beboe	Law and Society
Reeve Oliva Harden	Psychology
Gianna Limeri	Psychology
Melissa Dweck	Social Science
Lori Nanni	Social Work
Molly Bond	Sociology
Sarah Martinho	Ramapo Undergraduate Book Prize
Shane O'Sullivan	Faculty-Student Research Award
	Faculty: Naseem Choudhury
	Title: <i>Attention and Inhibitory networks under passive, overt and covert conditions of attention in college aged adults using high density EEG's & event related potentials.</i>

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Nurudeen Musah	Social Work Student Conference Scholarship Award
Jenna Phalon	Herbert Wortreich Award
Jesse Bader	Carol Schaefer Human Services Award
Nerissa Betty	Carol Schaefer Human Services Award
Dylan Heffernan	Carol Schaefer Human Services Award
Lori Nanni	Carol Schaefer Human Services Award
Cassie Palmer	Carol Schaefer Human Services Award
Taylor Faber	Carol Schaefer Human Services Award

School of Theoretical and Applied Science, Edward Saiff, Dean

Devashri Parikh	Biochemistry
James Buckley	Bioinformatics
Sydney Kauffman	Biology
Dominika Kolasinski	Biology
Katerina Djambazova	Chemistry
Ivaylo Nenovski	Computer Science
Brett Laramie	Engineering Physics
Catherine Lane	Environmental Science
Tomas Carino Bazan	Mathematics
Kathryn Ajami	Nursing
Abish Jha	Ramapo Undergraduate Book Prize
Daniel Latona	Faculty-Student Research Award
	Faculty: Catalin Martin
	Title: <i>Temperature Dependent Infrared Spectroscopy of Spin Orbit Semiconductors</i>

College Honors Program, Rebecca Root

Mehnaz Ladha	College Honors Award
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Students Graduating from College Honors Program

Drew Anton	Lindsey Gray	Kristine Nickson
Angad Bhogal	Meghann Herman	Alison Pham
Jessica Bowman	Andrew Herrera	Ariana Rivera
David Cifelli	Donald Irons	Mayra Romero
Johathan Dailey	Nischal Khatri	Stephanie Sciacca
John DiStefano	Sara Catherine Lichon	Katherine Talian
Shannon Erwin	Rachel Lubitz	Peter Wright
Cassandra Fenton	Uma Mahalingam	

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS LOCAL 2274

AFT Graduate School Scholarship Award

Daniel Plessner

Henry J. Frundt Memorial Scholarship Award

Stephanie Guzman

LEE SENNISH AWARDS

Lindsey Gray, Nicole Ammirato,
Rosalexa Liriano, Sierra Stokes
Yasmin Angon

The 2018 Academic Achievement Ceremony program and biographies also appear on our website at www.ramapo.edu/aac

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BIOGRAPHIES

ANISFIELD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

The first outstanding student in ACCOUNTING is ALYSSA BERSTEIN.

Alyssa served as an Accounting and Tax Intern in Tel Aviv, Israel, and as a Marketing Intern for World Finer Foods and Philly Pretzel Factory. She studied abroad in China and served as a Student Ambassador in Ramapo's Office of the President. Alyssa is a member of the Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity, as well as a member of several honors societies. After graduation, Alyssa will complete a summer internship with Price Waterhouse Cooper; in November 2018, she will begin working full time at the accounting firm Untracht Early. Her goal is to pass all parts of the CPA exam within two years after graduation.

The second outstanding student in ACCOUNTING is STEPHEN GEERLOF.

Stephen served on the Ramapo College Board of Trustees, was a member of the Student Government Association, the Provost's Council, the ASB Dean's Advisory Council, and was a Peer Facilitator. He attended the Association of Governing Boards and American Student Government Associations conferences, and he has published an article written in *Educause*. Stephen has completed internships in Forensic Accounting and Peer Facilitation, and will be interning at Ernst & Young this summer. He was the recipient of multiple scholarships and awards and is a member of several honor societies. After graduation, and following his summer internship, Stephen will remain at Ramapo in pursuit of a Master of Science in Accounting.

The outstanding student in ECONOMICS is DANIEL PLESSNER.

Daniel was a member of the ASB Federal Reserve Challenge team, and also competed in a National Case Competition hosted by Society for Advancement of Management. He completed an internship for the Village of Suffern, N.Y. Daniel was selected to represent ASB as the 2018 Scholar's Day presenter. He is also a member of several honor societies and a recipient of several scholarships. After graduation, Daniel plans to attend graduate school for a Ph.D. in Economics and plans to become a professional economic researcher.

The outstanding student in FINANCE is MICHAEL THUM.

Michael was President of the Roadrunner Financial Group student investment club, a participant in the Quinnipiac University G.A.M.E. Asset Management Forum, and represented ASB at the Beta Gamma Sigma Leadership conference. He completed an investment internship at AEGIS Insurance Services. Michael was also a scholarship recipient and member of several honor societies. After graduation, Michael will be working as a financial analyst at Payden & Rygel.

The outstanding student in INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT is DANA BAQUIRAN.

Dana completed an Information Technology (Quality Assurance) internship at Huntington Learning Center. She was a member of the United Asian Association, and a member of several honor societies. After graduation, Dana will be working full time in the Information Technology department at Huntington Learning Center.

The outstanding student in INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS is MARAL TEZCAN.

Maral is the Co-founder and Secretary for the Armenian Students Association. She studied abroad in London, England during the summer of 2016. Maral was also a Tour Guide for the Ramapo Admissions Student Ambassador Program, and is a member of several honor societies as well as a scholarship recipient. After graduation, Maral plans to pursue a business career in London.

The outstanding student in BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT is GABRIELLA FIORINO.

Gabriella has worked during her four years of college at the real estate investment firm DFIO, LLC., and Athleta athletic apparel as a freelance artist. She is the recipient of several academic honors and is a member of several honor societies. After graduation, Gabriella plans to continue working for DFIO, LLC., and she plans to own her own real estate investment firm in the future.

The outstanding student in BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION/MARKETING is PAOLA VILLANUEVA.

Paola has worked as a Social Media Intern at The Capacity Group Sales and as a Marketing Intern at Health Monitor Network. She also served as a Peer Facilitator, Orientation Leader, Resident Assistant, and Student Assistant Resident Director. Paola is also a member of several honor societies. After graduation, Paola plans to become a marketing director, attend graduate school, and travel to Italy.

The 2018 ASB RAMAPO BOOK PRIZE goes to RUDOLF HASS.

Rudolf is a retired U.S. Army veteran with more than twenty-one years in active duty. He is a member of the Ramapo College Veterans Student Organization and a scholarship recipient. Rudolf's plans after graduation are still to be determined.

The 2018 ASB FACULTY-STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD goes to JULIA HOUSEL.

Working as a research assistant for Professor Desi Budeva, Julia co-authored two papers, "Teaching Critical Thinking to Marketing Students: Lessons from Other Business Disciplines," and "The Effect of Institutional Distance on International Market Selection: Comparing Export to Foreign Direct Investment." Both papers were presented at academic conferences and will be submitted to peer-reviewed journals. She worked as Business Analyst Intern at Kesting Ventures Inc., and as a Marketing Analytics Intern at the American Red Cross. Julia was also a scholarship recipient and member of several honor societies. After graduation, Julia will begin her career at the American Red Cross as a Retail OMS Catalogue Manager.

SCHOOL OF CONTEMPORARY ARTS

The outstanding student in DIGITAL FILMMAKING is NATALIE TYSZKA.

Natalie is a member of the Lambda Pi Eta honor society and has interned at both NBC Universal and Cinematcher. In addition to majoring in Communication Arts, Natalie is minoring in Psychology. After graduating from Ramapo, Natalie plans to travel and relax before starting up a business.

The outstanding student in CONTEMPORARY ARTS is SASHKA KOTZEVA.

Sashka is a contract major who has focused her studies on theater and digital filmmaking. She has performed in two Ramapo theater productions, *Miss Julie* in 2014 and *Candide* in 2015, and worked as the Assistant Director of the devised theater production (*The Big Unknown*). She is currently working on a feature film in collaboration with Professor Kelly Dolak. Sashka studied abroad at Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge, UK. While there she interned with Thinking Media Productions. Upon acceptance to Ramapo, Sashka was awarded a Presidential Scholarship. She plans to attend graduate school.

The outstanding student in COMMUNICATION ARTS/ JOURNALISM is MEHNAZ LADHA.

Mehnaz has had a very active career at Ramapo, serving on the board of several organizations and participating in the College Honor's Symposium, Scholar's Day, and Media Collision. Currently, Mehnaz interns as an editor at Sun City Paradise, and as a webmaster at AndreaSmith.org. She previously worked as an intern at Wainscot Media, Gary Flom Photography, Bergen County Horse Rescue and the Borough of Franklin Lakes. In the summer of 2017, Mehnaz studied abroad in Athens, Greece. After graduation, she will pursue her MBA at Pace University and plans to work in diversity and inclusion within a business communication context.

The outstanding student in COMMUNICATION ARTS/ GLOBAL COMMUNICATION and MEDIA is SARA ELJOUZI.

Sara has spent much of her time at Ramapo volunteering, she coaches basketball for 7th grade girls and volunteers at the Bergen County Horse Rescue, in addition to working as a tutor at the Center for Reading and Writing. This spring, Sara was invited to shadow NBA sideline reporter Brooke Olzendam, and traveled to Portland, Oregon to assist Ms.Olzendam with pre-game notes, statistics, and interviews. She also interned at Sirius XM Radio. After graduating, Sara plans to go to law school to combine her love of sports and law by focusing on sports and entertainment law.

The outstanding student in COMMUNICATION ARTS/ VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN is MOHAMED ELDIB.

Mohamed has been an active Ramapo member of the Disney Club, Yoga Club, Creative Media Club, and the Muslim Student Association. He has interned at Tranquility49, a multimedia PR firm, handling video editing and photography. Mohamed has competed in the Design Derby and is a member of five honors societies. He plans to pursue a career in motion graphics, video editing, or animation.

The Outstanding Student in COMMUNICATION ARTS/WRITING is EMILY INSERRA.

Emily, double majoring in Communication Arts and History with a Literature minor, has made the Dean's list seven times. She served as the president of the American Studies Club from 2016 -2017 and is a member of five honor societies. Emily has participated in numerous student films and one-act plays, and is a member of the Academic Integrity Board. After graduating, Emily plans to travel.

The outstanding student in MUSIC is JACQUELINE NARCISO.

Jackie was the president of the Ramapo College Music Club and is a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa and the Alpha Lambda Delta honor societies. You have likely encountered Jackie's beautiful singing voice as she has performed at multiple College events over the past four years and will be singing this year at Commencement. Jackie has interned at Live Nation Video Network, Barbershop Studios, and Tranquility49, and was the recipient of a Ramapo College Dean's Scholarship and the Don Manzo Memorial Music Scholarship. After graduating, Jackie plans to travel abroad and potentially attend graduate school.

The outstanding student in THEATER is VICTORIA TOMMASULO.

Victoria is the go-to stage manager for our Ramapo College theater productions. She has worked as a stage manager or assistant stage manager for *Of Mice and Men*, *Twelfth Night*, *The Great God Pan*, and most recently *Urinetown*. In 2015 Victoria interned at The New Ohio Theater; in 2016 at the Dorset Theater Festival; and in 2017 at New York Stage and Film. She has received the RCNJ Trustee Scholarship, the Stuart Craig Wood III Scholarship, and the Garden State Arts Foundation-Thomas H Kean Scholarship. Victoria was awarded the Stage Management Fellowship from Region 2 of the 2017 Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival for her work as Stage Manager for *Of Mine and Men* and received a KCACTF certificate of merit for her state management work on *The Great God Pan* and *Of Mice and Men*.

The outstanding student in VISUAL ARTS is ALISSA PAULISON.

Alissa's artwork has been shown throughout New York and New Jersey, exhibited at the Intercollegiate Iron Pour, the Next Wave show, the Salon de Eros show, and the Communities for Healthy Living exhibition. She also represented Ramapo at this year's Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges Student Conference in Pennsylvania. Alissa currently serves as president of the Psi Chi honor society after serving as the Vice President last year. She is also a member of four other honor societies. After graduation, Alissa will attend NYU's graduate program in art therapy with a \$25,000 scholarship. She will also continue to work at Alpine Learning Group, where she has worked for more than a year as a social skills facilitator for kids with autism.

The 2018 CA - RAMAPO BOOK PRIZE goes to AMANDA STEURNAGEL.

Double majoring in Global Communications and Media and Theater Studies, with a minor in Art History, Amanda has become a member of a variety of organizations on campus. She is part of three honor societies as well as a

member of the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority. Amanda was nominated for her performance as Du in Ramapo's *Kelly and Du* and competed for the *Irene Ryan Award* at the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. She also served as a dramaturg for the New Playwrights competition at the festival. Amanda has worked on various Ramapo theater reproductions and dances in Ramapo's Zumba Club Dance Company, and Fusion Dance Club. After graduation Amanda hopes to work in the theater industry.

The 2018 CA- FACULTY-STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD goes to GRANT BRAZER.

Grant has provided outstanding technical and creative assistance for several large-scale productions that Professor Ben Neill has been working on over the past year. MANITOGA and STEAK ABC are compositions created with sculptor/conceptual artist Carols Szymanskis "phonemophones," a set of 26 natural brass instruments based on shapes of the letters in the alphabet. The compositions are notated and in both cases also involve the use of live electronics. Grant was deeply involved in the rehearsal process for these works, traveling with Professor Neill to East Hampton, N.Y. for a three-day residence in September, as well as the rehearsals at the World Financial Center Winter Garden in Lower Manhattan. In addition, he provided similar technical assistance for performances of *Fathom*, a collaborative multimedia work with vocalist Mimi Goese, and *Chaotica*, collaboration with visual artist Carl van Brunt and Brazilian percussionist Amarildo Costa. In addition, he collected imagery and video materials for *La Tromba Nello Spazio*, a piece based on the life and music of 17th century trumpeter Girolamo Fantini, a project that is currently in development for a 2019 premiere.

SALAMENO SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND GLOBAL STUDIES

The outstanding student in AMERICAN STUDIES is EMILY KONOPKA.

Emily is a double major in American Studies and History. She is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Alpha Theta honor societies and the SSHGS Dean's Advisory Council. She is Vice President of the Concert Band. She conducted research with the American History Textbook project. She plans to pursue a career in publishing and attend graduate school.

The outstanding student in HISTORY is SARA CATHERINE LICHON.

Sara Catherine is a History major with a minor in International Studies. She studied abroad in Scotland, presented at six undergraduate research conferences and published an article in the *Augsburg Honors Review*. She has also served as a research assistant for the Jane Addams Papers project. She is currently an intern at the offices of Congressman Josh Gottheimer. She plans to pursue a career in government and apply to graduate school in public administration.

The outstanding student in INTERNATIONAL STUDIES is JACQUELINE BASILE.

Jacqueline is a major in International Studies, and she serves as a student ambassador for that major. She is a member of the Global Roadrunners, and of two honor societies, Pi Sigma Alpha and Sigma Iota Rho. She studied abroad in Ireland and has held internships at the office of Senator Robert Gordon and at DoSomething.org. She plans to apply to graduate school in International Relations and seeks a career in an educational or human rights organization.

The outstanding student in LIBERAL STUDIES is WESLEY MAY.

Wesley majors in Liberal Studies focusing on Philosophy. He is the President of Brothers Making a Difference and the secretary of Culture Club. He participated in the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity and studied abroad in Ghana. He plans to apply to law school.

The outstanding student in LITERATURE is JESSICA BOWMAN.

Jessica is a major in Literature with a concentration in Creative Writing and a Business Essentials Certificate. She has served as President of Relay for Life since 2015, is on the executive board of Colleges against Cancer, and the student ambassador for the Literature program. She was a marketing intern at Wiley Publishing and a consultant at the Ramapo Center for Reading and Writing. She received the Dr. Ernest Simon Book Award. She seeks a career in children's publishing and plans to apply to graduate school.

The outstanding student in POLITICAL SCIENCE is CASSANDRA FENTON.

Cassandra is a major in Political Science with a Teacher Certification. She is a member of the Peer Facilitation Program and the Alpha Psi Omega Honor Society. She serves as the Vice President of the French Club and is the student ambassador for Political Science. She presented research at two undergraduate conferences. She was an intern at Senator Bob Gordon's office. She received the Ramapo Book Prizes in 2016, The Hidden Scholarship, and the Alpha Lambda Delta Second Year Scholarship. She is pursuing a Master's in Special Education and a career in elementary education.

The outstanding student in SPANISH LANGUAGE STUDIES is JOHN KLALO.

John is a Spanish major with a Literature minor. He is the Vice President of the Sigma Delta Pi Honor Society. He studied abroad in Spain and seeks a career in retail management.

The 2018 SSHGS RAMAPO BOOK PRIZE goes to FRANCESCA EVANS.

Francesca is a double major in American Studies and Political Science. She is the treasurer for the Pi Sigma Alpha honor society and serves on the SSHGS Dean's Student Advisory Council. She is the student coordinator for the SSHGS Pathways student internship blog. She is a member of the NSCS, Golden Key, Alpha Lambda Delta and Pi Sigma Alpha honor societies. She plans to apply to graduate school after graduation.

**The 2018 SSHGS FACULTY-STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD goes to
SABRINA SANTAMARIA.**

Sabrina is a major in Political Science with minors in Women's and Gender Studies and Public Policy. She conducted student faculty research with Professor Amanda Roberti on how the media has framed the topic of abortion from 1991-2016. She serves as the SSHGS representative to the SGA, the SSHGS Dean's Advisory Council. She is a member of the Pi Sigma Alpha, Golder Key, Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Alpha Delta Honor Societies. She has held internships at the law office of Marc D. Ramundo, Scott Garrett for Congress Campaign office and Essex County Superior Court. She received several awards including the Angelo Tarallo Memorial Scholarship Award. She plans to attend Law School and become an attorney.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMAN SERVICES

The outstanding student in ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES is ANDREW HERRERA.

Andrew is President of the Culture Club, a performer in Ramapo College Fooligans, and member of Alpha Psi Omega and Theater Honors Society. Andrew has presented his research at the 2016 National College Honors Council Conference as well as other regional honors conferences. He is completing an internship at the Orange County Department of Planning New York. Upon graduation, Andrew plans to work for a year before enrolling in a graduate program in urban planning.

The outstanding student in LAW AND SOCIETY is CANDACE BEBOE.

Candace is recipient of the Gilman International Scholarship. She held the esteemed position of civil liberties intern for the American Civil Liberties of New Jersey. During the summer of 2016, she completed the Pre-Legal Studies Program at Seton Hall Law School. In the fall of 2017, Candace studied abroad at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. After her undergraduate studies, Candace plans to work for a few years before applying to law school.

The first outstanding student in PSYCHOLOGY is REEVE OLIVA HARDEN.

Reeve Oliva is a psychology major with a minor in neuroscience. She is secretary of Psi Chi Honors Society. She is active in several organizations across campus including co-managing the LGBT Research Lab, singing in a barbershop quartet, and tutoring students in reading, writing, and statistics. After graduation, Reeve Oliva plans to pursue her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and focus on adolescent mood disorders, particularly bipolar disorder.

The second outstanding student in PSYCHOLOGY is GIANNA LIMERI.

Gianna has been a member of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society since her first year at Ramapo College. She has presented her research at both the Ramapo Psychology Symposium and Eastern Psychological Association meeting in 2017. She is a member of Sustainable Living Eco-Stewardship, Ramapo Green and the Mindfulness Club. Gianna plans to spend next year traveling and interning abroad and then beginning a Master's Degree in Social Work in the fall of 2019.

The outstanding student in SOCIAL SCIENCE is MELISSA DWECK.

Melissa has been a member of the Hillel Club for three years, attended various psychology symposia, and received credit for her work at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and Museum of Natural History. Upon graduation, Melissa plans to attend graduate school for a doctorate in Physical Therapy. She hopes to use that degree to work in a hospital and then open her own private practice.

The outstanding student in SOCIAL WORK is LORI NANNI.

Lori is a member of Phi Alpha (the national Social Work Honor Society) and Active Minds (the mental awareness club). She interned for the partial hospitalization program at Christian Healthcare, West Bergen Mental Health, and Women's Rights Information Center, as well as volunteered for United Hospice of Rockland and New York Presbyterian Hospital in the inpatient eating disorder unit. Lori will be attending Fordham University in the fall to obtain her MSW and was recently offered a position as a mental health worker on an inpatient psychiatric unit at New York Presbyterian Hospital, Westchester Division.

The outstanding student in SOCIOLOGY is MOLLY BOND.

Molly participated in a Ramapo sponsored alternative spring break program to Abiquiu, New Mexico where she focused on interfaith relations and peace-building techniques. She presented her research at the NYU International Psych Historical Conference regarding the 2016 Presidential Election. Her work was ultimately published in the scholarly psych historical journal, *Clio's Psyche*. After graduation, Molly will attend Syracuse University for her MPA with a concentration in Social Policy. She ultimately plans to work for an educational non-profit to assist low income students in receiving a quality education.

The 2018 SSSH RAMAPO BOOK PRIZE goes to SARAH MARTINHO.

Sarah is the Phi Alpha Delta Scholarship Chair and Center for Student Involvement Platinum Coordinator. She is a Provost Scholarship recipient as well as a Anne Glickman and Michael J. Buczek Memorial Scholarship winner. Once Sarah graduates from Ramapo, she plans to attend law school and practice either family law or constitutional law.

The 2018 SSSH FACULTY-STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD goes to SHANE O'SULLIVAN.

Shane was trained in 2017 by Electrical Geodesics, Inc., in Oregon to operate the equipment used in Professor Naseem Choudhury's lab. From this training and research, Shane presented his work at a session for the Society for Neuroscience, also in 2017. Shane is continuing to work in Professor Choudhury's lab where he examines cognitive neuroscience. Shane plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Neuroscience, with a concentration on human factors.

THE 2018 SOCIAL WORK STUDENT CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD goes to MOHAMMED NURUDEEN MUSAH.

Mohammed completed his B.S. in Social Work at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ramapo College's affiliate institution in Ghana. He has ten years of experience advocating and working with vulnerable children in deprived communities. When he was volunteering with the Street Children Project, an agency that provides services for displaced and homeless children and their families in Kumasi, Ghana, he met visiting students and professors from Ramapo, and thus began the course of his journey to Mahwah, N.J. Today, he is completing his Advanced Standing Master in Social Work. He interned with NJ Aids Services as well as the Alliance Against Homelessness. He assisted in the development in the Ramapo Food Pantry.

The 2018 HERBERT WORTREICH AWARD goes to JENNA PHALON.

Jenna held an internship with the Republic of Palau to the United Nations. Under the tutelage of Professor Hussain, she worked on issues related to the former Maldives Minister & Joint Opposition Delegation. She also participated in the development of the Environmental Impact Statement for the DuPont contamination site in Pompton Lakes. After graduation, Jenna plans to travel and find a job that helps to promote environmental protection and sustainability.

The FIRST CAROL SCHAEFER AWARD goes to JESSE BADER.

Jesse is President of the Phi Alpha Honor Society. She interned at both Bergenfield's Head Start Program and at Bergen Promise in Hackensack. Jesses will attend Ramapo's MSW Program in the fall and hopes to someday advocate for her clients, particularly those affected by human trafficking.

The SECOND CAROL SCHAEFER AWARD goes to NERISSA BETTY.

Nerrissa has interned at Buddies of New Jersey and Vantage Health System. She plans to graduate and begin her MSW at Ramapo in the fall. After graduate school, Nerissa hopes to travel the world and learn more about different cultures across the globe. She intends to apply her MSW toward a career helping other people.

The THIRD CAROL SCHAEFER AWARD goes to DYLAN HEFFERNAN.

Dylan is a member of Sigma Tau Delta and Phi Alpha Honor Societies. He interned at Home Care Options as well as the office of Senator Nellie Pou. He will gain his MSW in the fall at Ramapo and plans to use the degree to advocate for policy changes to better our society as a whole.

The FOURTH CAROL SCHAEFER AWARD goes to LORI NANNI.

Lori is a member of Phi Alpha (the national Social Work Honor Society) and Active Minds (the mental awareness club). She interned for the partial hospitalization program at Christian Healthcare, West Bergen Mental Health, and Women's Rights Information Center, as well as volunteered for United Hospice

of Rockland and New York Presbyterian Hospital in the inpatient eating disorder unit. Lori will be attending Fordham University in the fall to obtain her MSW and was recently offered a position as a mental health worker on an inpatient psychiatric unit at New York Presbyterian Hospital, Westchester Division.

The FIFTH CAROL SCHAEFER AWARD goes to CASSIE PALMER.

Cassie has volunteered her time across the area including Mevo Farms, Pascack Valley Meals on Wheels and Bergen Family Center. She has presented her work at the Dr. Paul Shane Annual Policy Symposium. She will begin her MSW in the fall at Ramapo and plans to achieve her dream of becoming a social worker. She also plans to continue that dream and pursue a Ph.D.

The SIXTH CAROL SCHAEFER AWARD goes to TAYLOR FABER.

Taylor is the Vice President of Phi Alpha Honor Society. She created and presented a poster for the annual influencing Government Policy Symposium. Taylor has held internships at Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource Center and Ramapo Ridge Middle School. She will begin pursuit of her MSW in the fall at Ramapo and hopes to use her degree to help decrease the stigma towards mental health disorders by working with children, adolescents, and teens.

SCHOOL OF THEORETICAL AND APPLIED SCIENCE

The outstanding student in BIOCHEMISTRY is DEVASHRI PARIKH.

Deveashri is President of the Chemistry/Biochemistry and South Asians clubs at Ramapo. She is Treasurer of the Females in STEM club and Secretary of Programming for the Student Government Association. She has traveled to conferences in Philadelphia and San Francisco while presenting her research at William Patterson University and at Ramapo College's Research Honors, Scholars' Day Symposia and the Scientists Symposium in New York City. Deveashri's future goals are to pursue a career as a plastic surgeon.

The outstanding student in BIOINFORMATICS is JAMES BUCKLEY.

James is a Bioinformatics major. He has participated in our Relay for Life Event and is a member of the College Men's Swim Team, Chi Alpha Sigma and the Student Athlete Honor Society. James is also a recipient of the Provost Scholarship. James plans on attending graduate school.

The first outstanding student in BIOLOGY is SYDNEY KAUFFMAN.

Sydney is the President of the Pre-Med/Pre-Health Club. She is on our Women's Soccer Team and belongs to the Athletic Honors Society. She won both the Provost's and the Elizabeth Mainardi Scholarship. She was an Atlantis Fellow, shadowing physicians in Spain. Sydney will be attending The Rowan School of Osteopathic Medicine this fall.

The second outstanding student in BIOLOGY is DOMINIKA KOLASINSKI.

Dominika belongs to the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Future Teachers of America. She has completed more than 100 hours of fieldwork and volunteering at several high schools, special needs schools. She has completed

15 weeks of teaching Biology Honors, Physiology and AP Biology courses at Butler High School. She has been nominated for the NJ Distinguished Clinical Intern Award for excellence in students teaching. She is also a Presidential Scholarship recipient. For her future goals Dominika wrote, "When I graduate from Ramapo College I will be certified to teach biology K-12. My goal after graduation is to become a science teacher and make a difference in the lives of my students and help them realize their full potential."

The outstanding student in CHEMISTRY is KATERINA DJAMBAZOVA.

Katerina is president of our Sigma Xi Chapter and Vice President of the Chemistry and Biochemistry Club. She has presented at our own TAS Research Symposium and at the American Chemical Society meeting in San Diego. She was a summer intern at Sun Chemical Corporation. Katerina has been accepted in the Analytical/Physical Chemistry Ph.D. Program at Vanderbilt University.

The outstanding student in COMPUTER SCIENCE is IVAYLO NENOVSKI.

Ivaylo is a Computer Science major and a Mathematics minor. He is a past president of our Robotics Club. He has a Dean's Scholarship and an Out-of-State Housing Grant. He has done a co-op at ID Tech and an Internship at Jeffries LLC. Ivaylo impressed the employers at Jefferies, a Wall Street investment firm, during his internship last summer and in doing so they decided to offer him a position.

The outstanding student in ENGINEERING PHYSICS is BRETT LARAMEE.

Brett belongs to the Physics Club. He has done research with Professor Catalin Martin. He is a Presidential Scholarship recipient and recently won the Philip M. Anderson Memorial Endowment Award. Brett plans on pursuing a Ph.D.

The outstanding student in ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE is CATHERINE LANE.

Catherine is a member of the Student Government Association Sustainability Committee. She has attended the Ecological Society of Americas' Mid-Atlantic Conference and recently participated in Ramapo College's Scholars' Day. She has served as an Environmental Educator at both the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge and Island Beach State Park. She is a recipient of the Kurt and Amy Landsberger Scholarship.

The outstanding student in MATHEMATICS is THOMAS CARINO-BAZAN.

Thomas belongs to the Competitive Programming Team and is a member of Pi Mu Epsilon, the mathematics honors society. He has presented his research at many research symposia both on-and-off campus. He is a supplemental instructor in our EOF summer program and tutors in our own Math & Science Tutoring Center. He works as a Systems Programming Analyst at UPS. He has won many math competitions and his team won Honorable Mention in the International Mathematical Contest. Thomas's ultimate goal is to obtain his Ph.D. in mathematics and "follow in the footsteps of all the great professors he has had."

The outstanding student in NURSING is KATHRYN AJAMI.

Kathryn is a member of Golden Key international, Sigma Theta Tau, Pathfinder's Youth Group and is a Mountain View Bible Camp Counselor. She also participates in the Garfield Public Health Walking Club Project. She has been a St. Joseph's Hospital Student Nurse. Kathryn is the recipient of Presidential and Russell Berrie Scholarships. Kathryn's future goals include an MSN and service on a Mercy Ship.

The 2018 TAS RAMAPO BOOK PRIZE goes to ABISH JHA.

Abish participates in competitive programming contests. This summer he will be working for Jeffries, a Wall Street investment firm, where he will be doing algorithmic trading. Upon graduation, Abish plans to work for a few years and then devote his life to travel and spiritualism.

The 2018 TAS FACULTY-STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD goes to DANIEL LATONA.

Daniel belongs to the Engineering Physics Club. He has won a number of scholarships and works at Callaghan Pump and Controls Inc. He is the winner of the TAS Faculty Student Research Award. His research mentor is Professor Catalin Martin. Their project is "Temperature Dependent Infrared Spectroscopy of Spin Orbit Semiconductors." Semiconductors are used in high speed electronics and quantum computing. They study their samples at a broad range of energies and temperatures. The temperatures range from room temperature to -459 F. The surfaces of their samples are incredibly small and not smooth. Dan has been working on ways to polish the surfaces so that their optical reflections par amounts can be measured.

The 2018 STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM THE COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM

MEHNAZ LADHA – Honors Winner

While pursuing a Communications degree with a concentration in Journalism and a minor in International Studies, Mehnaz has spent the last four years shining a spotlight on diversity within the College community and beyond through her involvement in various organizations. Her research, conducted in Athens during her study abroad program, documents the state of small businesses in the residential neighborhood of Pangrati ten years after the onset of the bailout crisis that crippled the nation's economy and sent shockwaves to its European neighbors. She will be attending graduate school in the fall in pursuit of an MBA in management, after which she will work within the business communications context to improve the state of diversity in this increasingly complex world.

DREW ANTON

Drew has spent his time at Ramapo College pursuing a degree in Music Production while following his passion for songwriting and recording. His honors research focuses on the physiological aspects of music listening and how music affects memory and emotions, thus creating a full-body experience. Examining

how the brain triggers physical reactions through auditory stimulus can lead to a better understanding of how music can affect a person mentally and emotionally throughout their life. After graduation, he will engage in a creative position as a lyricist, composer, and producer within the professional music industry.

ANGAD BHOGAL

Angad has spent his last four years pursuing an Information Technology degree and researching its success and vitality to a variety of industries in business. One that particularly stood out was the medical industry since healthcare has been a very important and pressing issue for people of all backgrounds. Healthcare's integration with technology is important, since technology continues to change and update different industries and how they go about conducting their businesses and so forth. Angad hopes to land an information technology position in a medical firm sometime soon since he is a very enthusiastic and energetic worker.

JESSICA BOWMAN

Jessica has spent her time at Ramapo pursuing a degree in literature with a concentration in creative writing and a business certificate. She has worked at the Center for Reading and Writing, served as an event chair for Relay for Life, and worked as a publishing intern. Her research explores censored issues in children's and young adult literature, focusing on Judy Blume and her works. Access to titles that address issues for middle-grade and young adult audiences provides readers opportunities to consider these topics before or as they experience them themselves. Jessica plans to pursue a career in children's publishing after graduation.

DAVID CIFELLI

David has been an involved student on campus and in the Honors Program as a member of the Executive Board. He and his research partner, Sydney Kauffman, worked under the direction of Professor Thomas Owen to use the CRISPR gene-editing system to delete the SIT gene in rat osteosarcoma cells. Deletion of the gene allows them to study the mechanisms through which the gene affects bone mass. David is currently attending Rutgers School of Dental Medicine.

JONATHAN DAILEY

Jonathan has spent the last four years pursuing an Information Technology Management degree at Ramapo College. He has interned at Chubb Insurance during his time at Ramapo, studied abroad in China, and minored in International Business. He has spent hours researching self-driving cars for his project, and what societal and economic ramifications they will have. He plans to start working in the summer of 2018.

JOHN DISTEFANO

John has spent his time at Ramapo attaining a degree in International Business with concentrations in both Management and Global Studies and a minor in Spanish Language Studies. Throughout his time at Ramapo, he has held several domestic and international internships working in a variety of businesses and learning a wide range of business skills. His research is concerned with economic inequality and immobility in the United States. He has studied the potential detrimental effects these may entail for American society by analyzing the theories of several renowned economists and evaluating highly-regarded studies. Upon graduation, John will be entering the business world, and he eventually hopes to further advance his education.

SHANNON ERWIN

Shannon is a senior Nursing major. After seeing the solar eclipse in August 2017, she decided to tie together nursing and astronomy. Her research is a comprehensive overview of eclipses and how they are detrimental to the human eye. She hopes to pass her NCLEX this summer and eventually go on to graduate school to become a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

CASSANDRA FENTON

Cassandra is a Political Science major in the Teacher Certification Program. She is currently student teaching in order to complete her Elementary Education certification. At Ramapo, Cassandra has been actively involved on campus as a member of the Alpha Psi Omega Theater Honor Society, vice president of the French Club, and co-president of the Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society. She has also been a Peer Facilitator and Student Aide for the Honors Program.

LINDSEY GRAY

Lindsey is an Engineering Physics major with a minor in Mathematics. She studies the magnetoelastic properties of ferromagnetic alloys, with the goals to utilize such properties in sensor applications and in energy harvesting devices. Her work with Professor Catalin Martin has recently been presented at the Magnetism and Magnetic Materials Conference in Pittsburgh, PA and was published in AIP Advances. Lindsey plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Applied Physics.

MEGHANN HERMAN

While pursuing a biology degree, Meghann has participated in scientific research at Ramapo since her sophomore year. She is an executive board member for Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Honor Society, and Tri Beta, the National Biological Honor Society. In addition to this, she is a Teaching Assistant for Microbiology and an executive board member for the Ramapo French Club. Meghann has presented her honors research at several conferences, including the Metropolitan Association of College and University Biologists Conference and the Northeast Regional Honors Conference. After graduation, Meghann is hoping to utilize her research experience in the medical field. She will be pursuing an accelerated nursing program to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

ANDREW HERRERA

Andrew decided to become an environmental studies major his freshman year at Ramapo. After gaining a broad background in different subjects, he chose to pursue a minor in public policy in his junior year. His research argues for the importance of coordination between federal, state, and local agencies on matters of transportation and land use planning because of how it can affect climate change and our communities' resilience against future storms. It specifically focuses on the need for more permanent regional planning policies in New Jersey. After graduation, Andrew plans to work in the field of urban planning and policy before attending graduate school.

DONALD IRONS

Donald has spent his years at Ramapo College pursuing a Biology degree with a Literature minor, as well as being involved with multiple organizations. His research focuses on the possibility of the SIT gene serving as a bone mass regulator in human osteosarcoma cells. He will be pursuing graduate studies in the fall in the hopes of becoming a researcher in the field of microbiology.

NISCHAL KHATRI

Nischal has spent his last four years pursuing a Mathematics degree and spending hours researching on various mathematical and computational fields. His research focuses on understanding the relationship between Galois representation and modular forms on a specific modular curve $X_0(35)$.

SARA CATHERINE LICHON

Sara Catherine is a History major and International Studies minor. She has been to multiple honors conferences at both the regional and national levels, and in April 2017 she published a paper titled "Identity Crisis: How the Outcome of the Cold War Affects our Understanding of the Crisis in Ukraine" in the Augsburg Honors Review. Her senior thesis was inspired by a study abroad program she attended in Edinburgh, Scotland during the summer of 2017. Outside of her studies, Sara Catherine works for the Jane Addams Papers Project and interns at Congressman Josh Gottheimer's district office. She is also a member of Orchidstra, a female barbershop quartet, and serves as their business manager. In addition, she is a member of Phi Alpha Theta (history honors society), Sigma Iota Rho (international studies honors society), Global Roadrunners, and French Club. After graduation, Sara Catherine plans to pursue a career in government.

RACHEL LUBITZ

Rachel has spent the last four years pursuing a Nursing degree while working at Saint Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick and on-campus jobs and organizations at Ramapo. Her research focuses on reviewing studies on patients with Type 2 Diabetes who followed a vegan diet and the effects on each participant's HbA1C level, glycemic and lipid index and BMI, which play an integral role in the development of Type 2 Diabetes. The results were unanimous, indicating that a plant-based diet had powerful effects in the reduction of these levels and the complications of Type 2 Diabetes.

UMA MAHALINGAM

Uma has spent the past four years pursuing a degree in Biology and a certification in Teacher Education. As a member of the Honors Executive Board, she has enjoyed working alongside her peers to plan events and programs for students in the program. Uma has been a Peer Facilitator since her sophomore year, which has given her the opportunity to guide first-year students throughout their first semester at Ramapo. She has loved working with the Center for Student Success as both an orientation leader and an orientation program student coordinator, which has inspired her to consider working with students at an administrative level as well. After graduation, Uma looks forward to her career as a high school biology teacher.

KRISTINE NICKSON

Kristine will be graduating this May with a degree in Accounting. Following graduation, Kristine will begin working full-time as an external audit assistant at Deloitte in Stamford, Connecticut. Her interest in researching personal financial literacy was catalyzed by her experience encountering numerous students with substantial debt upon graduating college. With the assistance of her advisory committee, Kristine has focused her senior thesis on personal financial literacy among students. Kristine examined the extent to which personal financial literacy education is currently available to American students in order to assess how well students are equipped for life after graduation.

ALISON PHAM

Alison has spent her last four years studying Marketing and International Business. She has participated in the National Student Exchange program for her sophomore year at the University of Hawaii at Hilo studying the travel and tourism industry. She also studied luxury business and fashion in Milan, Italy during the fall semester of her senior year. Alison's new travel innovation was inspired by her travels and entrepreneurship classes. Her marketing research project focuses on consumer behavior, market trends, and attitudes towards the travel industry.

ARIANA RIVERA

Ariana is an Animation and Music double major. She has been on the Honors Executive Board for the past three years as well as a part of multiple other clubs and organizations on campus. She has interned in both art and music industries alike and hopes to continue merging her passions in the future.

MAYRA A. ROMERO

Mayra has spent her undergraduate career pursuing a bachelor's degree in Biochemistry. She has been involved in research since her junior year working on incorporating green chemistry to the synthesis of chalcones. During the summer after her junior year, she spent ten weeks at the University of Pennsylvania conducting research in an immunotherapy lab that was working to improve the

efficacy of CAR T cell therapy on ovarian cancer. She presented her progress on the CAR T cell therapy project at the Leadership Alliance National Symposium. Her experience in undergraduate research has inspired her to pursue a Ph.D. in Pharmacology.

STEFANIE SCIACCA

Stefanie has spent her last four years pursuing a Biology degree at Ramapo College. She has also been involved in various organizations, including working as a volunteer for Mahwah EMS. Her research focuses on determining coral species richness and absence or presence by depth at Kapoho Tide Pools in Hawaii. Examining these factors helps to gain a greater understanding of the abiotic and biotic factors that affect coral diversity. This information can then be used to direct conservation efforts to help protect an important part of these fragile ecosystems. Stefanie will be applying to medical school this summer and hopes to attend in the fall of 2019.

KATHERINE TALIAN

Katherine has spent her time at Ramapo College pursuing her degree in Psychology with a Literature minor. Her honors project combines these two areas by focusing on both self-development and the journal as symbolic resource in the development process. Her study examines the anonymous dream journals of her participants and the emotional content within. Katherine wants to pursue social psychological research after graduation from Ramapo.

PETER WRIGHT

Peter has been pursuing a bachelor's in Computer Science at Ramapo. His research project focuses on using natural language processing to diagnose the current emotions of the user through keywords generated in a conversation with a chatbot. The program then maps the emotions recorded and the average emotion present on a graph based on Robert Plutchik's wheel of emotions. This is done for each user response to the chatbot. Peter will be attending graduate school for computer science in the fall.

AFT GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

The 2018 AFT GRADUATE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP goes to DANIEL PLESSNER.

Daniel was a member of the ASB Federal Reserve Challenge team, and also competed in a National Case Competition hosted by Society for Advancement of Management. He completed an internship for the Village of Suffern, N.Y. He was also a member of several honor societies and recipient of several scholarships. After graduation, Daniel plans to attend graduate school for a Ph.D. in Economics and plans to become a professional economic researcher.

The 2018 HENRY J. FRUNDT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD goes to STEPHANIE GUZMAN.

Stephanie was employed as a paralegal intern with the law office of Miraela M Alvare Esq., from (May 2017-August 2017) and interned at the law office of Eloisa Castillo Esq., from (June 2015- August 2017). Her community service included working at the House on the Hill with children from migrant families and as a tutor for middle school kids. She also worked at the Hoboken Homeless Shelter. Stephanie is also an Honors student who is involved in the Model UN, Association for Latinos Moving Ahead and a member of International Students Organization. During her free time she does photography, reads and started blog writing about her Mexican background.

LEE SENNISH 2018 AWARDS

The 2018 LEE SENNISH PRIZE WINNER is ROSALEXA LIRIANO.

Rosalexa will be graduating from Ramapo with a GPA of 3.909. She earned the Dean's List Academic Standing in fall 2017. Rosalexa was a teen mother who had to abandon her college studies but found the courage to return to school and major in Literature. She has excelled in courses such as Theory Criticism and Author Studies: Kafka Postmodernism and Modern European Drama. After graduation she will continue her education by attending graduate school and focus on Comparative Literature with a concentration in Critical Theory.

The 2018 LEE SENNISH PRIZE WINNER is LINDSEY GRAY.

Lindsey has strong leadership skills and started a STEM club for women. She also revitalized the Physics Club, organized and participated in a successful catapult competition, and arranged student presentations of their summer internships. Lindsey participated in summer research at The Department of Homeland Security and NJIT. She plans to go to graduate school and has received admittance to nine of the ten graduate programs she applied to.

The 2018 LEE SENNISH PRIZE WINNER is NICOLE AMMIRATO.

Nicole is a History major and active member of the History Club, which is an undergraduate service and learning organization. She is an excellent writer who is able to use primary and secondary sources to make historically based arguments. She examined contemporary issues of birth control. She is a very poised speaker, fastidious researcher and clear writer who accomplished her goals while working a full-time job.

The 2018 LEE SENNISH PRIZE WINNER is YASMIN ANGON.

Yasmin is a senior at Ramapo College and will graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work. She is a first-generation Mexican American who grew up in Guttenberg and Paterson, N.J. Yasmin obtained an internship at a law office her junior year of high school and was exposed to real cases where lives were at risk. This experience taught her how she could make a difference in people's lives by making them aware of their legal rights. Yasmin is expanding her skills

working at the Student Activities Revenue Management department at Ramapo College. Her goal is to attend law school after she graduates from Ramapo and to continue promoting social justice for all minorities as an immigration lawyer.

The 2018 LEE SENNISH PRIZE WINNER is SIERRA STOKES.

Sierra will graduate with a Psychology degree. She was on the Dean's List for fall 2017. She is the President of Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society and Vice President of Macklin Hall Resident Council. She has worked part time throughout her college years in a number of service-related industries while still earning a 3.2 GPA. Sierra is looking to pursue a graduate degree in School Counseling.

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.

