A Professor's Expertise Used Internationally

Behzad Yaghmaian, Professor of Political Economy, joined Ramapo College in 1992. During his 21 years at the College, Dr. Yaghmaian has published several books, journal articles, and short stories on globalization and third world studies. He has also appeared on local and international TV news stations and radio programs.

This past fall, Dr. Yaghmaian was featured on CNN for his expertise on Iran’s Political Economy. He discussed the new government’s initiatives for starting and opening a center for foreign exchange transactions and the history of the country’s currency.

Click here for the CNN Interview Video.

New Jobs Requiring Postsecondary Education VS a High School Degree Will Grow by 300%

Georgetown University’s Center of Education and the Workforce released a recent study stating that between 2008 and 2018, new jobs in New Jersey requiring a degree from an accredited institution of higher education will grow by 148,000 while jobs for high school graduates and dropouts will only grow by 43,000. That is an overwhelming 300% increase in the labor market requiring a postsecondary education. Between 2008 and 2018, an additional 1.3 million jobs requiring postsecondary credentials will become available due to a spate of anticipated retirements.

The number of students graduating from the College each year has increased steadily for more than 15 years with over 7100 Ramapo College degrees having been issued during that time. To read more about this study or review the types of jobs that will require a postsecondary education by 2018, click on the following link: Georgetown's Center of Education Study.

Roadrunners Win Conference Championship

The Ramapo College Roadrunners Men’ Basketball Tournament are the 2013 New Jersey Athletic Conference Champions! The Roadrunners were victorious over Rutgers Newark, 67-65, on Friday, February 22. The nail-biting game attracted a huge roaring crowd. "I have gone to
school here for three years now, and this has to be the most fun game I have ever seen," said junior Samantha Keenan to a Ramapo News reporter.

The positive energy in the room was felt everywhere that night. After the sound of the buzzer, the crowd in the bleachers stormed to the middle of the court and Ramapo College was presented the New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) championship trophy.

For more information, visit the Ramapo Athletics Web site at www.ramapoathletics.com.

White House Releases College Scorecard: What does it say about Ramapo College?

The United States Department of Education’s College Affordability and Transparency Center released its new College Scorecard earlier this month after the President’s State of the Union Address. The scorecard system was created to make it easier on prospective college applicants to research colleges and universities. The scorecard reports on college cost, graduation rate, loan default rate, loan borrowing, and the types of jobs students pursue when they graduate.

What does the scorecard say about Ramapo College of New Jersey? According to the site, the net price for undergraduate in-state students is considerably low compared to other colleges. Ramapo’s graduation rates are considered high at 70.5% for full-time students that received their bachelor’s degrees within 6 years. Ramapo’s loan default rate is below the national rate at 5.4% on all Federal student loans. “We are happy to be judged by relevant criteria and appreciate any effort to make college admissions more transparent,” said Anna Farneski, College Spokesperson.

Since this is a new pilot program through the Obama Administration, the scorecard will continue to be updated. To read further information or browse through the College Scorecard website, click the following link: White House Scorecard.

Real Roadrunner: Mark A. Lotwis, 83

Mark A. Lotwis ’83, a magna cum laude alumnus of Ramapo College, received his BS in Human Ecology and Political Science. Upon graduating, he worked on various projects with Save Darfur’s Coalition Advocacy Group, 21st Century Democrats, Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, and many more.

Lotwis was recently appointed Senior Director of Public Policy at InterAction, the largest alliance of U.S.-based international nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) who focus on disaster relief and sustainable development programs. In his new position, Lotwis is responsible for shaping InterAction's policy decisions on humanitarian, relief, and long-term development issues. Lotwis will also serve as a member of the organization's senior management team.

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