RAMAPO STUDENTS DISCUSS ISSUES OF DIVERSITY

The weekend of March 2nd, approximately 40 members of Ramapo College attended the All Together Different Student Leadership Retreat. Various workshops, group discussions, skit performances, and team building exercises focused on diversity and leadership.

Students, staff, and faculty shared personal life experiences in each session, creating a sense of community, trust, and the opportunity to learn from one-another. Various issues of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, sexual orientation, socioeconomic class, disability, and citizenship were also explored. Students and staff dug deeper under the surface to discuss these issues in a first person point of view. Ramapo students in attendance reported that the information they gained from each session opened their minds to new programming ideas they hope to bring to campus.

Attendees also learned about various forms of oppression and were then given a task to identify one form of modern and internalized oppression on which to present. The Graduate Assistant for Equity and Diversity Programs will be doing a follow-up series on different forms of oppression for next semester – students will have the opportunity to partner with faculty or administrators on campus to research a topic of their choice and will then present their findings to the entire College.

FAVRE, JACKSON & MIRIC HONORED WITH ATHLETIC AWARDS

On Wednesday, March 6, three members of Ramapo College were honored by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA). They were honored by the regional association for their work in the 2012-13 women’s indoor track & field season.

Michelle Favre, ’13, who recently recorded back-to-back 1st
place finishes at the NJAC Championships and ECAC Championships, was named Women’s Field Athlete of the Year in the Atlantic Region for her efforts this season in the pole vault event. Favre currently holds the #1 mark for Division III athletes and #24 across all divisions, as she cleared 4.21-meters (13’9.75”), breaking the national record, at the 2013 Indoor ECAC Championships. Favre is on her way to nationals in hopes of claiming the individual championship title.

Mike Jackson, Head Coach, is the Atlantic Region Coach of the Year. Jackson led his team to 2nd place at the NJAC Championships, while coaching Favre to stand as the best pole vaulter in Division III history. This is Jackson’s ninth season coaching women’s indoor track & field. He will also be heading to nationals to support individual championships for Favre (pole vault), Emily Shipley (pole vault), and Anita Rogers (60-meter dash, triple jump, and long jump).

Assistant Coach Brank Miric was named Assistant Coach of the Year in the Atlantic Region. Miric helped guide and lead Favre to her status as the best pole vaulter in Division III history. Miric has coached for six years with the Lady Roadrunners and, under his direction, Favre never lost to a DIII vaulter this season and Shipley gained the #12 spot amongst all DIII vaulters.

To receive the most up-to-date information of Ramapo athletics, check out their website at Ramapo Athletics.

**TRACK AND FIELD CONTINUE TO BREAK SCHOOL RECORDS**

Ramapo junior Colin English finished in 2nd place by clocking in at 8:50.03 in the 3,000-meter run, breaking the College record on March 30. The previous title belonged to Jon Lindenauser, who finished the race in 9:13.97 in 2007. English broke a second school record at the 4th Annual Roadrunner Invitational on April 6. English ran the 1,500-meter run in 3:58.36, clocking a school record and an ECAC qualifying time, placing 3rd overall.

Billy Howell ran a personal best in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, placing 1st overall in 9:50.47, while Brad Hoey earned 2nd place in the pole vault clearing 4.45 meters and Dillon Rodgers placed 1st in the javelin hitting 57.97 meters.

Josh Gray, individually, and with the 4x100 meter relay team,
made up of Gray, Sean Ellis, Jaivon Palmer, and Ackeme Brown, qualified for the Eastern College Athletics Conference (ECAC) Championships.

Bring your spirit to the next Roadrunner Invitational as they host their final meet of the season at the Metropolitan Outdoor Championships April 12-13 or by following the latest news at Ramapo Athletics.

2013 THOMASES AWARD RECIPIENTS
On Wednesday, March 27, Thomas Owen, Associate Professor of Microbiology, School of Theoretical and Applied Science, and Benjamin Neill, Associate Professor of Music, School of Contemporary Arts, were honored as this year’s Fred and Florence Thomases Award Recipients.

The award is given annually to honor one or two faculty members who demonstrate excellence in teaching, excellence in scholarship, outstanding contribution to the College and community, and outstanding fulfillment of professional responsibility.

The Thomases Award is the most prestigious award of the College to honor faculty for significant and ongoing contributions to the development of the College. To see a complete list of the honorees from previous years, visit the following link: Thomases Award Recipients.

REAL ROADRUNNER: RICK BROWN HONORED AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL
During Ramapo’s spring break, Rick Brown, Director of the Center for Student Involvement, was honored by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) for Outstanding Contribution to Student Leadership Programs at Ramapo College and at his previous institutions.

Brown was recommended for the Region II Award by several colleagues from Montclair State and Ramapo College. He received news of the award late last semester from his nominator, but did not officially hear from NASPA until February. Brown said, “Because the process took so long, there was no real period of ‘excitement’; however it’s gratifying to be recognized by my peers at NASPA.” To see a complete list of all honorees, check out the NASPA Awards.
SAVE THE DATES:

✓ April 17, 2013, 3pm, Remembrance Day, Berrie Center
✓ April 17, 2013, TAS Student Research Symposium, Trustees Pavilion
✓ May 8, 2013, 4pm, Lecture on Basic Income with Senator Eduardo Matarazzo Suplicy, York Room of Birch Mansion
✓ May 14, 2013, Board of Trustees Meeting, Trustees Pavilion
✓ May 16, 2013, Arching Ceremony & Celebration at Sunset, Bradley Center
✓ May 17, 2013, 10am, Commencement, IZOD Center
✓ May 23, 2013, Noon, Faculty and Staff Picnic, Trustees Pavilion

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