Ramapo College has been ranked as an over performer in student retention by Eduventures.

Eduventures is a leading research and advisory firm focused exclusively on analyzing the forces that are transforming higher education.

Based on 2013 data pulled from the Institutional Post Secondary Education Data Systems (IPEDS), Eduventures predicted that Ramapo's retention rate would be 83%. However, strong advisement, academics, affordability, social factors, and faculty-student mentoring contributed to the College's actual retention rate of 87%.

Why is a retention rate important in higher education? Retention rates, or a student's decision to continue with an institution after his/her first year or semester, is representative of student satisfaction, program quality, and institutional effectiveness and fiscal stability. It is a metric by which institutions are often measured by third parties. Further, high retention rates correlate positively to high 4 year graduation rates which are similarly emblematic of the aforementioned elements.

Click here to learn more about the significance of retention in higher education.

AGB issues Statement on Sexual Misconduct
The Association of Governing Boards issued its Advisory Statement on Sexual Misconduct.

The publication includes a history and context of sexual misconduct on college campuses and a detailed description of the impact of campus culture on student sexual behavior.
Further, it outlines expectations of the governing board and the College administration in managing sexual misconduct.

The Advisory statement is available here. In addition, a copy of the Title IX presentation that was provided to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee may be obtained by emailing bwillia1@ramapo.edu.

P.S. Ramapo College joined the national It's on Us campaign to prevent sexual assault. As part of the campaign, you can view our video here.

**Supporting Nepal**
The Student Government Association, Counseling and Health Services, the Office of the Provost, the Roukema Center for International Education and other departments are coordinating support groups, summer housing provisions and fundraising efforts to provide relief to Nepal.

There will be a memorial service on Thursday, April 30 at 7 p.m. in the Sharp Theater of the Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts, followed by a candlelight vigil at the Arch, located on the campus.

An outdoor concert, sponsored by the College Programming Board and the Student Government Association, will be held on Friday, May 1 at 7 p.m. at the Bandshell with proceeds to benefit those impacted by the tragic events in Nepal and northern India.

Click here for more information on the College's relief efforts.

**Save the Dates for Important Events at Ramapo College!**
- Russ Berrie Awards for Making a Difference, May 1, 11:00AM, Berrie Center
- Office of Specialized Services: End of Year Senior Luncheon, May 5, Noon, Alumni Lounges
- Grand Opening of the Small Business Development Center @ Ramapo, May 6, 2pm, Trustees Pavilion
- Adler Center for Nursing Excellence Dedication and Luncheon, May 8, 11:00AM, G Wing
- Rotary of Ridgewood AM, Humanitarian of the Year Dinner Honoring Peter Mercer, May 7, 6:00PM, Ridgewood Country Club
- Nursing Pinning Ceremony, May 14, 1:00PM, Sharp Theater
- Academic Achievement Ceremony, May 14, 3:00PM, Sharp Theater

- Arching Ceremony and School Receptions, May 14, 5:30PM, Mansion Drive

- 2015 Commencement, May 15, 7:00PM, Prudential Center

If you would like to attend any of these upcoming events, please email bwillia1@ramapo.edu.

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