Gandhi Visits Campus

Activist Arun Gandhi will visit campus on February 4 as keynote speaker of the annual Diversity Convocation. His address will take place in the Sharp Theater at 3pm.

Arun comes to campus through the collaborative efforts of the College's Diversity Action Committee and Krame Center for Contemplative Studies and Mindful Living.

Arun, grandson of Mohandas Gandhi, sets forth a message of integrity, social harmony, nonviolence, inclusion and peace. His speech, "Lessons Learned from My Grandfather: Non-Violence in a Violent World," is timely in the wake of terrorism, international conflicts, immigration debates, and religious, political, and ideological differences.

Please email Brittany at bwillia1@ramapo.edu if you would like to attend.

Read more about Gandhi and Diversity Convocation here.

Seeking Unsung Heroes

The College will again host the Russ Berrie Award for Making a Difference Ceremony. The ceremony will occur in the Sharp Theater on May 1.

New Jerseyans who have made a significant difference in their communities through a lifetime of service or a single heroic act are eligible for cash awards of up to $50,000.

Nominations of New Jersey residents whose deeds, carried out in the state, make them worthy of recognition, will be accepted until February 13. The Russell Berrie Foundation sponsors the program. Click here for more information on the Russ Berrie Awards.
2015 Commencement

Due to the recent news about the imminent closing of the IZOD Center, the College is working diligently on alternate plans for its 2015 Commencement Ceremony and related activities.

Trustees will be provided details regarding venue and/or date changes as soon as they become available.

Ramapo College Commencement

Ramapo Maintains Membership in Council of Public Liberal Arts College

Ramapo College continues to enjoy membership in the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC), a select group of institutions in the United States and Canada that are dedicated to the advancement of high quality liberal arts education in a public college setting.

COPLAC recently reissued its "Why Choose a Public Liberal Arts College" campaign. The 5 key reasons cited by COPLAC are also integral to a Ramapo College Education. The reasons include:
1. Faculty are dedicated to teaching undergraduates.
2. Classes are small and students receive personal attention and mentoring.
3. Students work with professors, not graduate assistants.
4. Leadership and co-curricular opportunities abound.
5. Emphasis is on civic engagement and service learning.

Learn more about COPLAC here.

Results are in: Survey of Higher Education Governance

Last year the Association of Governing Boards conducted a comprehensive survey of representatives at 571 higher education institutions. The survey focused on issues related to effective board governance and strategic issues anticipated for the future.

Some key findings of the survey included:
Board Knowledge
78% of public institution representatives understood the concept of institutional autonomy but the concepts of shared governance and academic freedom were understood to a lesser degree.

Board Assessment
In 2011, 12% of public institution representatives reported that their board engaged in individual trustee assessments, this grew to 19% in 2014.

**Board Policies**
Unlike private boards, public boards have only seen incremental growth in their level of engagement in reviewing and adopting governance policies.

**Risk Management**
43% of public boards report having a risk assessment process in place, this is up from 33% in 2011.

**Board Engagement**
85% of public boards report being appropriately engaged with their presidents. This commitment to president-board relations remains unchanged since 2011.

To request a copy of the full AGB report, email Bwillia1@ramapo.edu.

**Save the Dates for Important Events at Ramapo College!**
- Diversity Convocation featuring Arun Gandhi: February 4 at 3:00PM in Sharp Theater
- State of the College Address: February 11 at noon in Friends Hall
- Board of Trustees Regular Meeting: February 23 at 5:30PM in Trustees Pavilion
- President's Prospective Student Scholar Receptions: March 5 and 12 at 5:30PM at Havemeyer House
- President's Advisory Council Meeting: March 13 at 11:30 in Trustees Pavilion
- Remembrance Day: April 15 at 3:00PM in Sharp Theater
- Annual Conference of the Association of Governing Boards: April 18-21 in Phoenix, AZ

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

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