Ramapo Calls NJ's Safest Community "Home"

New Jersey’s safest community for 2014 is Mahwah according to a ranking published by security organization SafeWise: a Utah-based company that reviews safety and security products.

SafeWise determined its rankings by combining 2011 FBI crime data with other factors such as unique safety initiatives and security programs. Additionally, a municipality must have a population of at least 15,000 to qualify for the list.

SafeWise security analyst Alexia Chianis said: "...the 50 safest communities in New Jersey share one critical, crime stopping characteristic: community cohesiveness", a quality evident in the township of Mahwah.

SafeWise also lauded the Mahwah PD for its connectivity to the community.

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Alumni Representation at Distinguished Citizens Dinner

The Ramapo College Foundation has announced the recipients of its 32nd Annual Distinguished Citizens Award.

The honorees, chosen for their personal and professional commitment to advance higher education and for their significant service to the community will be recognized at a gala dinner March 8 at the Rockleigh Country Club.

The honorees are:

**Timothy M. Finley, M.D.** of Rochelle Park, a 1994 graduate of Ramapo College who is an anesthesiologist at Holy Name Medical Center and serves on the Doctor’s Counsel of Sending Our Love to Haiti and Ramapo College’s Dean’s Advisory Board for the School of Theoretical and Applied Science;

**Don LaGreca** of Somerset, a 1992 graduate of Ramapo College who is a co-host of ESPN’s “The Michael Kay Show”
and “The 5th Quarter” and host of “Jets Gameday;”

Glen Messina of Mt. Laurel, a 1985 graduate of Ramapo College who is president and CEO of PHH Corporation, a vehicle management services and mortgage company; and

Reza Rafizadeh of Morristown, who is vice president of Operations for Campus Services for Sodexo, a food service and management company.

Top 10 Strategic Issues for Boards
In its most recent publication, the Association of Governing Boards outlines 10 key issues for Boards of Trustees in 2013-14.

The issues are:
1. The Revenue Model
2. Productivity and Efficiency
3. Student Aid
4. Educational Delivery
5. Student Learning
6. Student Success
7. Market and Mission
8. The Academic Workforce
9. Globalization
10. Institutional Risk

Would you like to read more? Please contact Brittany Goldstein for a copy of the publication.

Real Roadrunner: Joseph Dawicki '00
The Fair Lawn Police Department recently announced the promotion of Joseph Dawicki '00 to lieutenant.

Dawicki has been with the department for 13 years. A former sergeant of the patrol division, he will now serve as a shift commander. He graduated from Ramapo with a degree in sociology and minor in psychology.

Real Roadrunner: Taja Estrada '13
Taja Estrada, a recent psychology graduate, is currently pursuing her studies in a psychology doctoral program with a focus on autism at Seattle Pacific University.

During her undergraduate studies at Ramapo College Taja worked on research with Professors Nick Salter and Kristin Kenneavy. She also held multiple internships, all the while earning stellar marks in her coursework.
Save the Dates for Important Events at Ramapo College!

**February 12, 2014:** President Mercer's State of the College Address

**February 12, 2014:** Men's and Women's Basketball take on Rutgers Newark (home)

**February 24, 2014:** Board of Trustees Meeting

**March 8, 2014:** Distinguished Citizens Dinner

**March 12, 2014:** Thomases Award Ceremony for Faculty

**April 2, 2014:** Dean's Lecture featuring Ben Jealous of the NAACP

**April 9, 2014:** Annual Scholarship Dinner

**April 10-14, 2014:** AGB Conference in Orlando, FL

**April 23, 2014:** Remembrance Day

**April 23, 2014:** Lecture and Dessert Reception featuring Peter Diamond

**April 28, 2014:** Board of Trustees Meeting

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