2013 COMMENCEMENT IS UNDERWAY
Ramapo College’s 55th Commencement Ceremony will take place on Friday, May 17th at 10a.m. at the Izod Center located in East Rutherford, New Jersey. On the evening before Commencement, Thursday, May 16, graduating seniors will have the opportunity to walk through the campus Arch, attend a family BBQ, and toast to their achievements at Celebration at Sunset.

As graduating seniors prepare for their final exams, Ramapo staff, faculty and volunteers have planning the events leading up to Commencement.

On Wednesday, April 24th, seniors attended Graduation Fair, a one-stop shop, to take care of all their needs before graduation. More than 1,200 seniors are registered to participate in this year’s Commencement Ceremony, which makes it the most registered ceremony in Ramapo’s history.

To get the most up-to-date Commencement news, visit www.ramapo.edu/commencement or like us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/RamapoCommencement?ref=tn_tnmn

DANCE TEAM BRINGS HOME THE GOLD
The Lady Roadrunners celebrated their second straight national title on April 14!

The Ramapo College Dance Team competed in the 2013 National Dance Alliance (NDA) Collegiate Dance Championships in Daytona Beach, FL. In the final round their score accumulated to 9.425, which led them to become the 2013 NDA Collegiate Dance National Champions!

Senior Chervene Aminian, one of the team’s three captains, said the victory established Ramapo as the event’s top dog. “This is our second year winning first, so now it’s official—we’re the team to beat in D-
III,” she said.

The dance program has transformed dramatically in its eight years of existence. In its opening season, the team didn’t make the cut past preliminaries. Now the Roadrunners are a mainstay at the top of the leader board. To get Ramapo’s Dance Team updates, visit their page at http://www.ramapoathletics.com/index.aspx?path=dance

RAMAPO COLLEGE SELECTED AS A FLAGSHIP CAMPUS FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT ON THE NEW EUROPE

Ramapo College was selected as one of 20 flagship campuses for the project “A Network for Understanding the New Europe.” The Faculty Resource Network at New York University (NYU), in partnership with the Center for Global Affairs, initiated the New Europe Project to promote greater knowledge of Europe in the Tri-State area and in other parts of the country.

The goal of this initiative is “to raise awareness about the European Union policies and institutions, the EU’s role as an international actor in the economic and political field, and the value of the EU-US relationship. The first three seminars will examine different themes: immigration, history, structure, politics, and world economy. These seminars will be taking place in various parts of the world, but to receive the most up-to-date information on The New Europe Project, browse through the page at http://www.nyu.edu/frn/programs.events/enrichment/Getting.to.Know.Europe.html

THE WORLD ON EXHIBITION

On Friday, April 26, Ramapo College students, staff and faculty gathered for Ramapo’s second annual World Expo Day to share, learn and teach others about the many cultures of the world.

In addition to the many conversations and lectures that took place, World Expo also featured a live mariachi performance during lunch, a Zumba class near the arch, a World Cup soccer tournament, a drumming performance, cheese and food tasting, and much more. A first-year student commented, “It’s important for people to educate others about cultures, especially on this campus.”

Meghan McDonough, the coordinator of first-year experience, said “The World Expo will continue to be planned every year.”

If you were unable to check out the event this year, make sure to look out for it next year at www.ramapo.edu/caafye
RAMAPO HOOKS ANOTHER WIN

On Saturday, April 27th, Joseph and Andrew Zapf won the FLW College Fishing Northern Conference event with a five-bass limit weighing 12 pounds, 14 ounces. The victory earned the club $2,000 and advanced them to the FLW College Fishing Northern Conference Invitation tournament.

“Neither of us had ever been fishing on Smith Mountain Lake before,” Joseph said. “We studied maps on Google Earth and decided to really key in on the Bull Run area.” They executed their game plan and remained in one creek for the entire day, which earned them the 1st place spot.

The next FLW College Northern Conference qualifying tournament is scheduled for June 22 on the Potomac River in Marbury, Maryland. For regular updates, photos, tournament news and more, follow College Fishing on www.Facebook.com/FLWFishing

SAVE THE DATES:

✓ 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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