Ramapo Welcomes Class of 2018

After a record-breaking year in which we received approximately 6700 applications for our entering class, Ramapo College welcomed the largest freshman class in our history with approximately 980 first year students.

In addition, the College also welcomed 668 transfer students from institutions across the country. These Roadrunners bring with them meritorious academic credentials, an average SAT score of 1162 (a 9 point increase over last year), and represent a rich tapestry of diverse backgrounds, disciplines, and service experiences.

Approximately one third of the incoming class are students of color. Out-of-state and international students make up 7% of the incoming class and come from the countries of Bulgaria, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Sri Lanka, China and South Korea. Our out-of-state students hail from Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and South Carolina. Further, the College has enrolled students from 20 of New Jersey’s 21 counties.

Welcome Week activities were extensive and included the Arching Ceremony and New Student Assembly, peer orientations, Maroon Madness, intramural sports, Convocation, and several other engaging programs for the newest bunch of Roadrunners.

Read more about Welcome Week here.

Senate President Visits Campus, delivers 9/11 Remarks

The College recently hosted Senate President Stephen Sweeney and Senator and Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg, who were moved by the series of events held on September 11 to honor those lost in that tragedy. The Senators participated in a memorial program coordinated by the Veterans Student Organization, Student Government Association, College
Republicans, and College Democrats.

The Senators also toured the G Wing renovations which are funded, in part, with bond referendum monies.

**RCNJ Day at the Statehouse; Student Trustees Unite**

October 23, Ramapo College will hold its first-ever “RCNJ at the Statehouse” trip, a full day of activities to better acquaint students with State government and issues impacting higher education. The trip will be held once a semester to ensure as many students as possible have the opportunity to participate.

Further, in a state-wide initiative, Student Trustee Kevin Ng and Alternate Student Trustee Brandon Smith are connecting all of the student trustees in New Jersey with one another. The goal of the initiative is to have a way for Student Trustees to communicate over the issues that state colleges are facing and to deliberate over how to best lobby for funding toward higher education.

**Small Business Finds a Home at Ramapo**

The College reached an agreement with the New Jersey Small Business Development Center (NJSBDC) to open an affiliate office in the Anisfield School of Business.

The NJSBDC provides assistance to small business owners and entrepreneurs in New Jersey. In exchange for the support the College will provide to the NJSBDC (office space, clerical support, etc.) all Ramapo students and faculty will be able to take advantage of the Center's seminars and consulting services at no charge.

[Learn more about the NJSBDC.](#)

**Commerce Magazine Recognizes Ramapo College with Best Practice Award**

In its most recent publication, *Commerce Magazine* of the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey, recognized Ramapo College with its 2014 Best Practice Award. Ramapo was the only public college to earn the recognition.

The College was recognized for its Strategic Planning Incentive Fund (SPIF). SPIF ensures that key initiatives are funded in each budget cycle. As part of its strategic planning process, the College devotes a percentage of its annual budget outside of regular departmental allocation to fund projects which advance the College’s mission, goals and objectives outlined in its
Some projects funded in recent years include marketing and outreach efforts to increase diversity, software to enhance the experience of the Anisfield School of Business Trading Floor, a Leaders in Service project aimed at promoting community service and leadership opportunities for incoming freshmen and market analysis to determine new program offerings.

Save the Dates for Important Events at Ramapo College!

- Ben Jealous, **former director of the NAACP**, on September 22 at 4:30 in Sharp Theater.

- Men’s **Tennis Championship Ring** Presentation on September 23 at 1pm in the Bradley Center lobby.

- Rigoberta Menchú, 1992 **Nobel Peace Prize recipient** and activist for the rights of indigenous people in Guatemala, will deliver a lecture on the benefits of student activism, September 24 at 1pm in H Wing Auditorium.

- **President’s Advisory Council** on September 26 at 11:30am in the Alumni Lounges.

- **BMW North America President** Ludwig Willisch returns to campus as a guest lecturer in the MBA program on September 30 in ASB.

- Dr. Paul Wichansky will kick off **Disability Awareness Month** on October 2 at pm in the Alumni Lounges with a lecture that “Takes the Dis out of Disability.”

- Dr. Ken Verni, clinical psychologist, will host a free seminar on **Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction** on October 3 at 7pm in the York Room.

- Roger Steffens, premiere authority on Bob Marley, will deliver remarks and an audio-visual performance about the **Life of Bob Marley** on October 6 at 11:30 in the Sharp Theater.

- State **Senator Sandra Bolden Cunningham**, chair of the Senate’s Higher Education Committee, will visit and speak during a campus-wide Voter Registration Drive on October 8 at 1pm under the Arch.

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