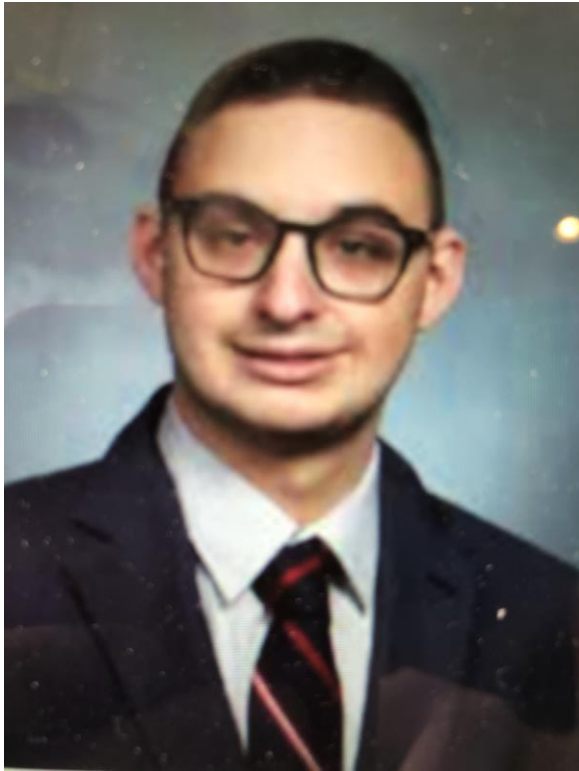


SPOTLIGHT ON OUR PEER MENTORS



Our dedicated peer mentors are an essential part of the ENHANCE program. These dedicated volunteers provide our students with one-on-one support as well as planning and attending our group events and meetings. These peers are especially important in helping students transition to college life and navigate campus and campus resources as well as assisting with self-advocacy and efforts toward independence. However, our peer mentors will tell you that it's not just our students who benefit from these interactions – our mentors learn from them as well! Maggie Tierney '22 tells us "something that was really amazing to experience is the fact that each person with autism is so different, with completely unique needs, strengths, and personalities. Understanding this helped me to form individual bonds with each student I worked with, and get a more holistic picture of who each one is as a person." Nathalee Martinez '22 tells us that she has learned patience and to not take things personally working with our students. She says, "when working with a population that struggles with identity and responding to social cues these are two very important skills to have." Rachel Azulay might have summed up what many of us feel about working with our ENHANCE students: "I learned a great deal about how each student is so different and are each capable of extraordinary things."

JARED DIMOCK '22



Jared Dimock has been a part of the ENHANCE program for the last four years and recently graduated Magna Cum Laude from the Anisfield School of Business with a degree in Accounting. While Jared was an excellent student, he also found time for fun as a member of Ramapo Gamers and Esports.

And, we are pleased to report that Jared will be our first Graduate ENHANCE student when he returns to campus this coming fall to further his studies. Jared will be a candidate for a Master of Science in Accounting and in preparation for that, he is working as an intern this summer at the public accounting firm Withum Smith.

Congrats to Jared – we in the ENHANCE program are very proud of your accomplishments and look forward to having you back in September as a grad student!



BRADLEY CENTER SOCIAL EVENT – APRIL 22

Our ENHANCE students and peer mentors celebrated the end of the semester by meeting up at the Bradley Center on a Friday evening for a fun night of pizza and gaming. A great time was had by all!



SAVE THE DATE!

ENHANCE Orientation

August 26th – 11:30-1:30

Berrie Center 216

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH – APRIL 2022



This year ENHANCE partnered with W.I.N., our Wellness Peer Educators to promote Autism Awareness Month to our campus at large. ENHANCE and W.I.N. peers held tabling events where information about Autism was shared with students, faculty and staff in an interactive and engaging manner.

Later in April, several of our ENHANCE students participated in a panel, moderated by Suzanne Calgi, ENHANCE Coordinator. Panelists discussed coming to terms with their diagnoses, and the challenges in school and social situations with reading cues and facial expressions, managing sensory overload, etc. Students also shared their feelings about terminology around autism and how some like to identify as “autistic” while others prefer “neurodivergent” or similar terms.

We want to thank our students for participating in this important panel and helping to educate our campus about autism!



“If You Know One Person with Autism, You Know One Person with Autism”
- Dr. Stephen Shore

Wednesday, April 27, 2022
12 - 1 p.m. | SC-156

Autistic students at Ramapo will share their stories and give insight into living on the spectrum.

For more information, contact the ENHANCE program at 201-684-7155 or enhance@ramapo.edu

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