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A Word From Your Board

Dear Friends,

April Greetings! The Ramapo campus is such a beautiful place in the Spring, full of color and activity! I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy the campus, either as you audit a class and/or perhaps attend one of the many events that are being held this time of year at Ramapo.

In late March, your Board offered two complimentary Friends of Ramapo Luncheons for the membership. It was an opportunity for lunch and community bonding with our members being able to meet each other as well as several Board members in the Birch Tree Inn. We plan to offer more of these events, so please look for further information and plan to join us.

On April 14th, we sponsored a wonderful "hands-on" event where Friends were able to experience the nationally recognized [American History Textbook Collection](#) in the Learning Commons. Participants enjoyed special access to materials from as early as the 1820s all the

way up to the present day and were able to explore and discuss the evolution of American history. Participants also enjoyed socializing after the event at a Friends-sponsored lunch. A very special thanks to Professor John Gronbeck-Tedesco and Special Collections Librarian Christina Connor, who led the event and shared their expertise with the participants.

Your Board continues to develop new programs and events for the membership. In addition, we are always looking to expand our team on the Friends Board. Board membership is an opportunity to be involved with a group of fellow Friends in offering different activities to the broader membership and help our organization to continue to grow. The time commitment is not extensive and it is an excellent way to be involved in the Ramapo community.

If you have comments about Friends programs and events and/or might be interested in joining us on the Board, please feel free to email me at pcapomag@ramapo.edu.

The Ramapo Chorale & CantaNOVA will be presenting their **Spring Concert at the Ponds Reformed Church** in Oakland on **Sunday, April 26 at 4:00**. Come to hear them perform contemporary works and the timeless Mozart Requiem.

The final event of the **Performing Arts Dinner Series** will be on **Saturday, May 2** with Broadway Star, Lillias White. Dinner starts at 6:00 and the show is at 8:00. Please plan on joining for an entertaining evening.

Please see the Upcoming Events section for further details and ticket information on both events, as well as details on Summer Audit Registration. To learn more about other Friends events and activities, please visit the [Friends of Ramapo website](#).

On behalf of your Friends of Ramapo Board, I look forward to hearing from you and/or seeing you on campus.

Sincerely,
Peggy Capomaggi
President of Friends of Ramapo
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News Updates



Making History: Miyashiro '27 becomes Ramapo's First Goldwater Scholar

Franco Miyashiro '27, a first-generation neuroscience and biochemistry



From Campus Airwaves to Center Stage: Don La Greca '92 to Address Ramapo Class of 2026

major, is the first-ever Ramapo student to be selected for the Goldwater Scholarship, one of the oldest and most prestigious undergraduate STEM scholarships in the United States.

Ramapo College of New Jersey is pleased to announce that alumnus Don La Greca '92 will address the undergraduate and graduate degree candidates at its 2026 Commencement Ceremony.



Mentorship Matters: Social Work Professor Connects with Students

At heart, Dr. Gardan Speights is a mentor. Speights became a full-time member of the Ramapo faculty in 2025. But she has been mentoring social work students for more than a decade – since her time as a field instructor while working at North Jersey clinics and agencies, such as the Boys and Girls Club of Newark.

Ramapo College and Rockland Community College Partner to Support Degree Completion

RCNJ and RCC in Suffern, NY, have signed a transfer agreement to provide RCC students with a direct pathway to a bachelor's degree. Under this agreement, RCC students who complete an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree may transfer to Ramapo College with junior standing.

Upcoming Events

Ramapo Chorale's 2026 Spring Concert

April 26th at 4pm

Ponds Reformed Church, Oakland NJ

Ramapo Chorale and CantaNOVA present a spring concert featuring contemporary works and the timeless Mozart Requiem.

Tami Petty & Lisa Lutter- Directors
Hyunjin Cho- Pianist

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased below or at the door.

[Buy your ticket](#)



24th Annual Performing Arts Dinner Series

2025-2026 Season

Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m./Curtain at 8:00 p.m.

Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts

For additional shows put on at the Berrie Center, please find the [performance schedule here](#).

[Click here for additional information & tickets](#)

Saturday, May 2:
"The Lillias White Effect"



Summer 2026 Audit Registration

Summer 2026 registration will be held remotely.

Summer I registration will take place **May 27th** and Summer II will take place **July 7th**.

Please note that only one course is able to be audited throughout the entirety of the summer semester.

[Learn more on How to Audit](#)



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