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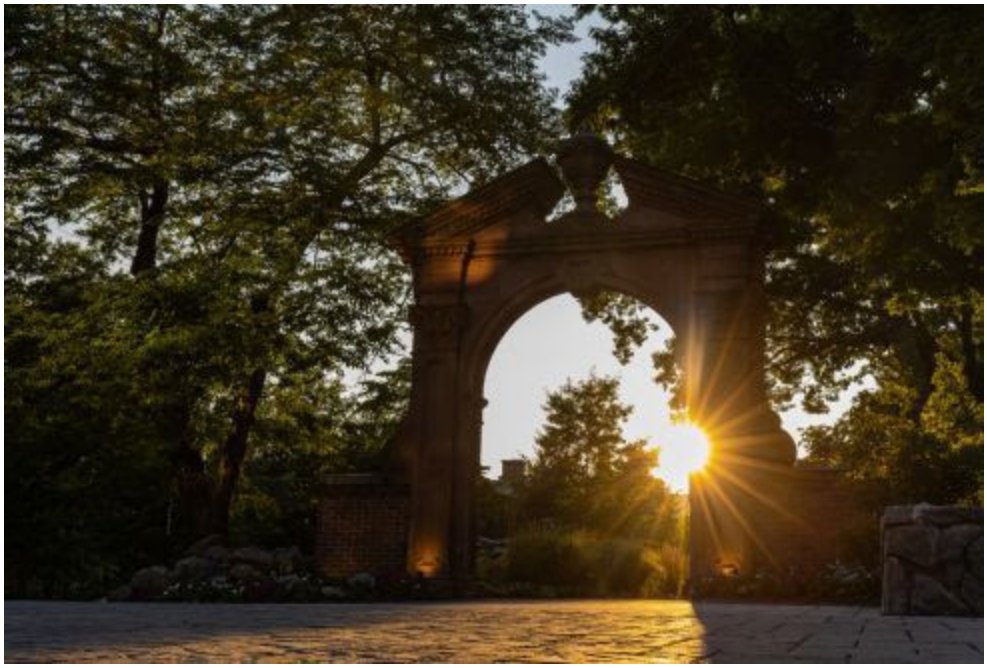
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A Word From Your Board

Dear Friends,

Welcome back! It is hard to believe that summer is drawing to a close and the campus is busy with the arrival of students and the beginning of the 2026 academic year.

I am very pleased to introduce our newest Friends of Ramapo Board Member, **Brian Scanlan**. Brian is a resident of Wyckoff, where he and his wife raised their family. Brian volunteered in various church and local programs and served on the Township Council for several years.

After retiring from a career in medical, scientific, and academic publishing, Brian joined the Friends and has been enjoying lifelong learning through the benefit of auditing classes at Ramapo. Brian was interested in joining our Board to support the Friends' efforts of promoting the many academic and cultural opportunities Ramapo College offers to the community, as well as supporting its students through scholarship opportunities. We elected Brian to the Board at our June 2026 meeting, and we look forward to his involvement and contributions.



There are also a lot of activities on campus, and I wanted to share with you a few of interest:

- **Membership Open House** - On August 12, the Friends of Ramapo hosted a successful open house. We're excited to welcome new members! If you know someone interested in joining, please share this link with details on membership benefits and sign-up. There's always room for another Friend!
- **Convocation** - The 2026 Opening Convocation is August 25 at 1:30pm in the Bradley Center. This academic ceremony highlights Ramapo's summer reading selection. This year's guest speaker, Adenike Marie Davidson, PhD (Delaware State University), will introduce author Octavia Butler and her novel *The Parable of the Sower.* Email friends@ramapo.edu to RSVP.
- **Date for Auditing Registration** - Are you interested in learning a new language, history, or the fundamentals of drawing? There are so many classes to consider for auditing! Registration for Fall will be held on Wednesday, September 2 from 10am-2pm in the Bradley Center. Further information can be found here.

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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Upcoming Events



7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Bandshell Lawn at Ramapo College

Parking is $5

Feel free to bring your lawn chairs, blankets, food and beverages while you listen to some great, live music!

August 20 - Brian Kirk & The Jirks

September 12 - Super Trans Am

More information on the concerts

Save the Date - American History Textbook Project

America's 250th Birthday

Tuesday, November 5th, 2026

Learning Commons Special Collections Reading Room Archives

Details to follow!

News Updates



Second Chances, First Degrees: Adult Learners Thrive at Ramapo

Isha Sanchez ’27 was the first in her family to earn her high school diploma and the first to earn her associate’s degree. But after graduating from Passaic County Community College, the youngest of eight siblings lasted just one semester at a large university.



Gilman Scholar Discovers New Perspective on Addiction and Recovery in Portugal

Prior to this year, first-generation college student Jerica DeGroat ‘27 had never left the United States. Between costs, family obligations, and the time commitment of pursuing her Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree, the single mother of three never even thought she would have the opportunity to travel abroad, let alone study overseas.



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