Arch CONNECTIONS



A Word From Your Board

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the October Edition of *Arch Connections*! Fall brings a freshness to the air and beautiful color to the trees, and our campus is the perfect place to enjoy all this season has to offer. The fall semester is moving along quickly, as those of you auditing classes are well aware.

The Friends are sponsoring a few upcoming events that we hope you will be able to join:

- **American History Textbook Collection Event**
  - On Thursday, November 5, starting at 10:30am, come and enjoy a unique, hands-on experience exploring the nationally recognized American History Textbook Collection, located in the Learning Commons, Room 215. You will have special access to materials dating back to the 1820s.
  - The focus will be the United States' 250th anniversary celebration of the Declaration of Independence. Together, we will explore the founding of our nation and the ways in

which this story has changed and evolved. We will discuss these historical differences through print and images.
    - For those who joined us last spring, the materials will be new, as will our discussions of them. Following our experience, please stay and enjoy lunch as our guest.
- **Among Friends Forum**
    - We're also asking for your help! We want to learn why people join the Friends of Ramapo, what they get from their participation, and what more they would like from the Friends.
    - We need just 90 minutes of your time on a Saturday morning, and we'll bring the coffee!
    - Please join us for our "Among Friends Forum" on Saturday, November 7, in the Adler Center for Nursing Excellence, Room 202, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Bring your thoughts and ideas to share with us.

RSVP for both events can be found below.

If you have comments or questions about Friends programs and events and/or questions about your membership, please feel free to email me at friends@ramapo.edu.

On behalf of your Friends of Ramapo Board, I look forward to seeing you on campus.

Sincerely,
Peggy Capomaggi
President, Friends of Ramapo

Upcoming Friends Events

Lunch with Friends - Monday, October 19

Join us for a complimentary "Lunch with Friends" in the Birch Tree Inn. Enjoy a buffet lunch with other Friends to share tips on auditing, events and other cultural offerings on campus.

Date: Monday, October 19, 2026

Time: 12pm

Location: Birch Tree Inn (Student Center)

RSVP



American History Textbook Project - Thursday, November 5th

America's 250th Birthday

Date: Thursday, November 5, 2026

Time: 10:30am - 12pm (Lunch to follow)

Location: Learning Commons Special Collections Reading Room Archives (Rm 215)

RSVP

Among Friends Forum - Saturday, November 7

Join us to share your thoughts on the Friends of Ramapo and explore new ideas, programming and events.

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2026

Time: 10 - 11:30am

Location: Adler Center for Nursing Excellence (Rm 202)

RSVP

Save the Date

A Dickens Holiday with CantaNOVA @ Lambert Castle

Sunday, November 22

Performances at 2pm and 7pm

College Events

Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts

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Wednesday, October 28, 2026

A Holiday Evening with John Lloyd Young

Wednesday, December 2, 2026

Urban Bush Women

Puppy Pals Live

Sunday, January 31, 2027 **Saturday, February 6, 2027**

Berrie Center Performance Schedule

Kresge and Pascal Galleries

The Landscape of our Memory

September 16 – December 4

Location: Kresge Gallery in the Berrie Center

Exhibition Calendar

News Updates



Preparing for Collaborative Care: Nursing and Social Work Students Train Together

Henry Williams went to the emergency room with worsening shortness of breath.

At 80 years old, he suffered from chronic conditions like heart disease and COPD, a serious, long-term lung condition. He also battled anxiety and depression. His only son died while serving in the military, and he was the sole caretaker for his wife with dementia.

Williams is a computer-simulated patient in Ramapo College of New Jersey's state-of-the-art nursing simulation lab.



Future Teachers Gain Hands-On Special Education Experience

A group of aspiring special education teachers from Ramapo College of New Jersey spent the summer gaining hands-on classroom experience, and utilizing the lessons they learned at Ramapo to make a positive impact on diverse learners.

Students in Ramapo's Teacher Education program worked with students enrolled in the Extended School Year (ESY) program at the Forum School, in Waldwick, NJ. The school serves students ages 5-21 with autism and related learning, language, behavioral and social challenges.



Ramapo Continues to Rise in U.S. News & World Report 2027 College Rankings

For the second consecutive year, Ramapo College of New Jersey has made significant gains in U.S. News & World Report's rankings for social mobility, climbing 16 places to #69 among Regional Universities North in the 2027 Best Colleges rankings.

The latest increase brings Ramapo's social mobility ranking up 50 places in just two years, from #119 in 2025 to #85 in 2026 and now #69 in 2027.



Election Day Ready: Roadrunners Pledge to Vote

Civic-minded Roadrunners celebrated National Voter Registration Day at Ramapo College of New Jersey by encouraging fellow students to pledge to or register to vote.

Ramapo continues to earn accolades for student voter engagement. The College has earned the Voter Friendly Campus Designation and has been consistently recognized by the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge for its excellence in student voter engagement.

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