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MASTER OF ARTS IN LIBERAL STUDIES PROGRAM MARKS ITS TENTH YEAR AT RAMAPO COLLEGE

(Mahwah) – The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program at Ramapo College of New Jersey, the first of the College’s graduate programs, celebrated its tenth anniversary on March 10 with a dinner in the campus Trustees Pavilion.

The evening’s program recognized the first decade of graduate education at Ramapo College. The founding director of the program, Dr. Sydney Weinberg, joined current director Dr. Anthony T. Padovano, past directors Dr. Mark Howenstein and Dr. Edward Shannon, faculty and students for student thesis presentations and brief remarks.

Padovano was appointed director of the program a year ago. He is one of the founding faculty of MALS, and of Ramapo College, and is a widely published author and lecturer. Since his appointment, he has revamped the graduate program and introduced a certification concentration, coordinated the creation of a Web site linked to the College’s main site and fostered an increase in the number of students enrolled in the program and faculty.

As an interdisciplinary, multicultural program, the broad themes explored in the MALS include art, film, history, literature, music, philosophy, politics, popular culture, psychology, sociology, science and religious studies.

“Teachers, business people, professionals, and anyone with a desire to learn more about our global community will find that MALS gives them an interdisciplinary outlook and a multicultural awareness,” says Padovano.

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Joyce Conroy, a MALS graduate who is pursuing a doctorate at Drew University, comments, “The professors in the MALS program encouraged me and my classmates to ask questions, contribute to the discussion, and most of all, to encounter new ideas. The attention and mentoring made a huge difference. The give and take creates a superb atmosphere for learning.”

Since the program’s inception, MALS has evolved as a capstone of liberal arts education for the College, in part, due to its interdisciplinary and comprehensive education. Ramapo College’s program attracts recent college graduates, teachers, business leaders and returning students seeking a stimulating and rewarding experience.

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