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**RAMAPO COLLEGE'S ANISFIELD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS  
NEW HOME OF EASTERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION**

MAHWAH, NJ – Ramapo College of New Jersey will be the new home to one of the nation's foremost associations dedicated to the promotion of scholarly and educational exchange, research and discussion of economic affairs.

Effective July 1, 2009, the Eastern Economic Association will be headquartered at the College's Anisfield School of Business in Mahwah.

"I am delighted that the Eastern Economic Association has found a new home at Ramapo College," said Professor N. Gregory Mankiw, EEA President and Professor of Economics at Harvard University. "I am confident that the Association will continue to thrive there and will remain a leading force bringing economics educators and researchers together to advance the field."

Established in 1974, the Association publishes the highly acclaimed Eastern Economic Journal, which presents methodological and philosophical as well as empirical and theoretical papers from all areas of economics. In addition, the Association hosts an annual conference on the Eastern Seaboard that draws more than 1,000 presenters from throughout the world.

"It's a tremendous honor for us to host the Eastern Economic Association," said Dr. Peter P. Mercer, Ramapo's President. "We look forward to the opportunities this partnership will present our students as they prepare for careers in this critically important field."

Current and past executives of the Association include renowned thought leaders in the field of Economics. The Association's executive committee has been led by Nobel Laureates including Joseph Stiglitz, Paul Krugman, Lawrence R. Klein, James Tobin, Robert M. Solow and Thomas Schelling. Recent past presidents include former Federal Reserve Bank Governors Frederic S. Mishkin and Alan S. Blinder.

"The mission of the Anisfield School of Business is to prepare students for success in their business careers through the strategic integration of the business disciplines and the liberal arts," said Dean Lewis Chakrin. "In these difficult economic times, it is more important than ever for business students to be well versed in the study of Economics, a

traditional liberal arts discipline. The fact that the prestigious Eastern Economics Association has chosen the Anisfield School of Business as its new home, attests to the quality of our business program and our commitment to our mission.”

Dr. Alexandre Olbrecht, Associate Professor of Economics at Ramapo College’s Anisfield School of Business and a Research Associate of the State University of New York at Binghamton, will serve as the Association’s new Executive Director. He has served on the Board of Advisors for Economic Education at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and is the school’s faculty advisor for the Collegiate Federal Reserve Bank Challenge team. His published research has appeared in the Journal of Human Resources, Applied Economics Letters, Economics of Education Review, The American Journal of Business Education, and the Journal of Business & Economics Research. His work has been cited numerously, such as by BusinessWeek Online, Medical News Today, and Atlantic Monthly Magazine.

The Anisfield School of Business is one of five schools at Ramapo College and offers majors or concentrations in Accounting, Economics, Finance, Information Systems, International Business, Marketing, and Management.

Ramapo College of New Jersey is New Jersey’s Public Liberal Arts College. Established in 1969, Ramapo College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include nursing and social work. In addition, Ramapo College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. Undergraduate students choose to concentrate their studies in one of five schools with more than 700 course offerings and 40 academic programs. Ramapo College boasts an average student/faculty ratio of 18:1 and average class size of 23, affording students the opportunity to develop close ties to the College's exceptional faculty.

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