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Business Partners Luncheon Features Lieutenant Governor Guadagno

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno was recently the guest speaker for the Ramapo College Foundation Business Partners Luncheon.

Guadagno, who leads New Jersey Governor Chris Christie's efforts to improve the state's economic vitality, addressed how New Jersey's government has been working to provide jobs, keep companies in and attract them to New Jersey.

"New Jersey's economic comeback definitely has begun," Guadagno told the audience. "The state has created almost 50,000 private sector jobs in the last 20 months and we are celebrating new business openings and relocations in our state almost every day.

"Just today I was in Newark as Panasonic cemented plans to build a regional headquarters on the city's waterfront. Last week, I was in Ewing to announce that Church & Dwight, the makers of Arm & Hammer products, was opening a new facility in that town and sometime soon, I will be announcing a new location in New Jersey for the East Coast headquarters of Bayer Health Care. Good economic news is becoming common in New Jersey."

The Business Partners Program at Ramapo College provides opportunities for companies to receive benefits, such as the utilization of campus facilities, executive development or employee training, networking opportunities, and access to skilled researchers and student interns.

"We were pleased to welcome the Lt. Governor to our Business Partners Luncheon," said Chuck Shotmeyer, chair of the Business Partners Committee. "It was gratifying to understand the efforts of the Governor and his staff in helping to move New Jersey's economy forward and make it easier for businesses to remain and thrive in our state."

The luncheon, which occurs twice a year, serves as a thank you for those who support the College's Business Partners Program. Past speakers have included New Jersey Congressman Scott Garrett and Executive Vice President and Director of Permel Group Inc., Lawrence Salameno who spoke on the state of the nation's economy.

For a photo of the event, go to:

www.ramapo.edu/news/pressreleases/2011/images/Guadagno-Business-Partners.tif

For more information about the Business Partners Program or for inquiries on how to become a business partner, contact Assistant Vice President of Institutional Advancement Kathleen Mainardi via email at kmainard@ramapo.edu or by phone at 201.684.6259.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as sixth in the Best Regional Universities North category, Ramapo College of New Jersey is sometimes mistaken for a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary academic structure, its size of approximately 6,008 students and its pastoral setting in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains on the New Jersey/New York border.

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. The College also offers five graduate programs as well as articulated programs with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New York Chiropractic College, New York University College of Dentistry, SUNY State College of Optometry and New York College of Podiatric Medicine.