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RAMAPO COLLEGE FOUNDATION TO HONOR FOUR INDIVIDUALS AT DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS DINNER ON MARCH 7

(Mahwah, NJ) -- The Ramapo College Foundation will honor four individuals for their professional achievement, commitment and community service at its 33rd Annual Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner. The honorees will be recognized at a gala on March 7 at the Rockleigh Country Club in Rockleigh, N.J.

Vincent Colman is vice chairman and the leader of PwC’s Assurance Practice. Colman, a Mahwah, N.J., resident, has more than 30 years of experience serving large multi-national companies in the areas of accounting, auditing, financial reporting, mergers and acquisitions and risk management. He previously served as managing partner of PwC’s U.S Assurance Practice and vice chairman of the East Region. He served as a member of the Board of Governors of the Ramapo College Foundation, chairing the Audit Committee. He was named to the College Board of Trustees in 2014. Colman earned a bachelor of science degree, magna cum laude, in accounting from St. John’s University and is a certified public accountant in Connecticut, New Jersey and New York.

Louis M. Bevilacqua is vice president, business finance of Consolidated Edison Company of New York. Bevilacqua, a resident of River Edge, N.J., joined Con Edison’s Energy Management Department in 1980 and has held a variety of positions. In his current role, he is responsible for general accounting, accounting research and procedures and financial reporting. He is a member of the Edison Electric Institute’s (EEI) Accounting Group and is involved with industry-wide accounting issues through the EEI and American Gas Association. Bevilacqua is a member of the Ramapo College Foundation Board of Governors and chairs the Audit Committee. He graduated from Iona College in 1980, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting. In 1984, he received a master's degree in management information systems from Iona College.

Vincent Forlenza, a resident of Franklin Lakes, N.J., serves as chairman, chief executive officer and president of BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company), a global medical technology company headquartered in Franklin Lakes. He joined BD in 1980 and has held a number of senior leadership positions in the United States and Europe. Forlenza was named president in January 2009 and assumed additional
responsibility as chief operating officer in July 2010. He became chief executive officer in October 2011 and chairman in July 2012. Forlenza is active in various professional and community associations. He is a board member of AdvaMedDx, a division of the Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed) that focuses on in-vitro diagnostic technologies. Forlenza is past chair of the Valley Hospital Board of Trustees. He obtained his bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from Lehigh University in 1975 and his MBA from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania in 1980.

Alison Banks-Moore ’77, a resident of Parlin, N.J., is the chief diversity officer for Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. She has more than 30 years of experience in human resources. As chief diversity officer, Banks-Moore has demonstrated a strong commitment to leveraging the unique skills and abilities of all employees. As a result, her company has received numerous awards from national publications including DiversityMBA Magazine, DiversityInc., AARP, Latina Style, GI Jobs, and Working Mother Magazine. Banks-Moore earned her bachelor’s in contemporary arts from Ramapo College and is a member of the Ramapo College Foundation Board of Governors. She is a member of numerous organizations including the Society for Human Resources Professionals, the New Jersey Network to Network Women’s Group and the Tri-State Diversity Council’s Board of Directors. She is a recipient of the YWCA TWIN award.

The annual benefit dinner raises funds for student scholarships, faculty and student research opportunities and campus capital projects. The dinner will be held Saturday, March 7 at the elegant Rockleigh Country Club in Rockleigh, N.J. A cocktail reception and silent auction begins at 6 p.m. The dinner program honoring the Distinguished Citizens begins at 8 p.m. Dinner and dancing will follow.

Dinner sponsorship levels are available. For tickets and additional event information, contact Liz Kloak at kloak@ramapo.edu or 201-684-6834.