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Ramapo College Hosts First High School Film Festival

MAHWAH, N.J. – More than 50 student filmmakers from around the state showcased their talents at the first annual High School Film Festival, recently hosted by Ramapo College of New Jersey.

Students entered original films in a variety of genres and were awarded in several categories including editing, cinematography, documentary and fiction. In all, 24 student films were screened and judged by a panel of Ramapo College faculty. Each entrant was awarded an Oscar-type statuette. Five top films were presented with a plaque and gift card.

The top winners were:

Best fiction film: Vincent D'Alessandro (Randolph High School, Randolph), "Squishy Squishy"

Best editing: Katrin Spridinova (Rutherford High School, Rutherford), "Heart"

Best cinematography: IHA Broadcast Media Class (Immaculate Heart Academy, Washington Township), "Noir Files"

Best documentary: Kiera Clowney and Victoria Flynn (Clearview Regional High School, Mullica Hill), "Student Loan Debt"

Best of the Fest: Matthew Rosa (Charter-Tech High School for the Performing Arts, Somers Point), "Oscar Micheaux"

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as fifth in the Best Regional Public 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 6,000 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 eight graduate programs as well as articulated programs with Rutgers, The State University 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.