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Ramapo College of New Jersey Named a 2016 “Best College Value” by *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance*

Acknowledged for Embodying Exceptional Economic and Academic Value

MAHWAH, N.J.—Ramapo College of New Jersey has been named to *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance’s* list of the Top 300 Best College Values of 2016. Introduced in 1998, the rankings highlight public schools, private universities and private liberal arts colleges that combine outstanding academics with affordable cost. In addition, Kiplinger has ranked the top 100 best values in each category.

Ramapo College earned a spot on the magazine’s list of 100 best values in public colleges. This is the tenth year Ramapo has been included in the 100 best values in public colleges listing.

“Ramapo College is proud to be one of only three institutions in New Jersey to again be awarded this distinction from *Kiplinger’s*. We promise our students a high quality and affordable academic experience and we proudly keep that promise. As a result, our graduates go on to engage in rewarding careers, compassionate service, and competitive graduate programs,” said Peter P. Mercer, President of Ramapo College.

Kiplinger assesses value by measurable standards of academic quality and affordability. Quality measures include the admission rate, the percentage of students who return for sophomore year, the student-faculty ratio and four-year graduation rate. Cost criteria include sticker price, financial aid and average debt at graduation. Many schools have appeared on the list multiple times, a testament to the consistent value these colleges provide.

“We start with a universe of 1,200 schools, so each school on our rankings, from number 1 to number 300, is a best value,” said Janet Bodnar, Editor of *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance* magazine. “Families can use the list as a starting point and then tailor it to each student’s preference for such things as size, location, campus culture and major.”

At Kiplinger.com, visitors have access to the **“Find the Best College for You” tool** and other tools that let readers sort by admission rate, average debt at graduation and other criteria for all schools, plus in-state and out-of-state cost for public universities. Also online: slide shows of the top ten schools in different categories, archives of past years’ rankings and an FAQ on the ranking methodology.

The complete rankings are now available online at Kiplinger.com/links/college and appear in print in the February 2016 issue of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*.

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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.