Ramapo College to Present Symposium and Panel Discussion on Social Entrepreneurship on April 6

MAHWAH, N.J. – A symposium titled “Social Entrepreneurship: Wave of the Future?” will be presented on Wednesday, April 6 at 8 p.m.in the Trustees Pavilion at Ramapo College of New Jersey. The event, which is free and open to the public, features five guest panelists. It is sponsored by the Ramapo College Anisfield School of Business and moderated by Dr. Murray Sabrin.

In 1991, The Wall Street Journal published Peter F. Drucker’s essay, “It Profits Us to Strengthen Nonprofits,” where he made several critical statements about America’s welfare state, including…”Government has proved incompetent at solving social problems, virtually every success we have scored has been achieved by nonprofits.” In the nearly 25 years since Drucker’s essay was published, many of his observations still ring true. This will be the topic of discussion by the panelists, including:

• **HOWARD HYSOCK**, Vice President for Research and Publications and Director of the Social Entrepreneurship Initiative at the Manhattan Institute.

• **MITCH KAHN**, Professor Emeritus of Social Work, Ramapo College, who serves on the boards of the Greater Bergen Community Action Program, the Bergen County Housing Coalition and City Green, Inc.

• **SANDRA MINIUTTI**, Vice President, Marketing and Chief Financial Officer for Charity Navigator; co-creator of the non-profit GlassRoots, which provides youth with opportunities to create glass art and develop entrepreneurial skills.

• **AMANDA MISSEY**, Executive Director of the Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative and member of the Board of Advisors of the Meadowlands Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Bergen County Workforce Development Board.
• JAMES OSTROWSKI, Attorney, Buffalo, New York, and author of Government Schools are Bad for Your Kids: What you Need to Know; Political Class Dismissed: Essays Against Politics; and Progressivism, a Primer, among others.

This event is made possible by a grant from the Charles Koch Foundation. Additional funding for this symposium was provided by the John Templeton Foundation through a grant from the Institute for Humane Studies. Refreshments and registration begin at 7:30 p.m. Please RSVP by March 25 to msabrin@ramapo.edu. For disability-related accommodations, call 201-684-7373.

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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.