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Ramapo College Athletics Receives Two NCAA Grants

MAHWAH, N.J. -- Ramapo College of New Jersey has received two grants from the NCAA which are earmarked specifically for the Athletics Department.

The Division III Ethnic Minority and Women's Internship Grant is a two-year grant program that provides funding for entry-level administrative positions at NCAA Division III schools and conference offices to encourage access, recruitment, selection and the long-term success of ethnic minorities and women.

During each year of grant funding, the NCAA provides \$23,660 to support the salary of the hired intern and \$3,000 in professional development funding. Recipients are required to provide a \$3,700 minimum in-kind gift for each year of the grant. The grant will be used for a full-time 10-month Sports Performance Coordinator position with an expected start date of September 2016.

"This is a great step in our overall strategic plan to increase diversity in our staff on campus and one of our goals to better integrate Athletics with the overall college vision and plan," said Christopher Romano, Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs.

The NCAA Choices Grant provides funding for NCAA member institutions and conferences to integrate athletics into campus-wide efforts to reduce alcohol abuse. NCAA Choices recipients must partner athletics with other campus departments in the development and implementation of effective campus-wide alcohol education projects.

The NCAA Choices grant is made possible through a donation from Anheuser-Busch Inc., and provides funding for a three-year project with a maximum award of \$30,000 across the three years.

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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 viewed as 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.