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Ramapo College Presents 11th Annual Sebastian J. Raciti Memorial Lecture with Commissioner of Labor Statistics Erica Lynn Groshen

MAHWAH, N.J. – The Sabrin Center for Free Enterprise at Ramapo College of New Jersey will present the 11th Annual Raciti Memorial Lecture on Wednesday, October 27. The lecture, titled “BLS, the Labor Market, and You,” will be held in the Trustees Pavilion at 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. The Raciti Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a Ramapo College economics major prior to the lecture.

The keynote speaker is Erica Lynn Groshen, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the principal federal statistical agency responsible for measuring labor market activity, working conditions, and price changes in the economy. Prior to joining the BLS in 2013, Groshen was a vice president in the Research and Statistics Group at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Her research focused on labor markets over the business cycle, wage rigidity and dispersion, regional economics, the male-female wage differential, and the role of employers in labor market outcomes. She also served on advisory boards for the BLS and the U.S. Census Bureau.

The annual event was established to honor the memory of Sebastian J. Raciti (1934-2003), who, for 31 years, served in various roles that were instrumental in the development of Ramapo College. Known as Sib, he was a member of the founding faculty and arrived in the College’s second year.

Refreshments and registration will begin at 7:30 p.m.; welcome remarks and presentation of the Raciti Memorial Scholarship is at 7:45 p.m.; lecture begins at 8 p.m.

For disability-related accommodations and more information, please contact msabrin@ramapo.edu or at 201-684-7373.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top 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.