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**RAMAPO COLLEGE TO HOST HOSPICE FOUNDATION OF  
AMERICA'S ANNUAL TELECONFERENCE**

(Mahwah) – Ramapo College of New Jersey will host the Hospice Foundation of America's annual teleconference on Wednesday, April 20 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. EDT in the Pavilion on the College campus. This program is offered free and is open to the public. The topic for this year's teleconference is "LIVING WITH GRIEF: Ethical Dilemmas at the End of Life."

Moderated by Cokie Roberts, ABC news political commentator and NPR senior news analyst, the live-via-satellite teleconference will examine issues regarding the social perspectives of medical ethics and how various health care settings may influence ethical decisions in hospitals, nursing homes and hospices.

Roberts will lead the panel of noted authorities that includes: Kenneth J. Doka, Ph.D., College of New Rochelle; Bruce Jennings, senior research scholar, The Hastings Center, Charles Corr, Ph.D., professor emeritus, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville; Bernice Harper, Ph.D., board chair and president, Foundation for Hospices in Sub-Saharan Africa; Richard Fife, Ph.D., vice president, bioethics and pastoral care, VITAS Healthcare Corporation; Jack Gordon, chairman and CEO, Hospice Foundation of America; William Lamers, M.D., medical consultant, Hospice Foundation of America; Richard Payne, M.D., director, Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life, and Joanne Reifsnyder, R.N., Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania, School of Nursing.

"The monumental developments in modern medicine have brought the need to make increasingly complex and difficult decisions," says Dr. Kathleen L. Fowler, a

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professor at the College who is certified in thanatology and who is site coordinator for the videoconference. “Ramapo College is pleased to host the teleconference and to welcome the local community into the exploration of these challenging questions. A number of Ramapo College faculty in nursing, social work, psychology and sociology will be present to facilitate the on-site discussion of the teleconference topics. It should be a rewarding experience for everyone.”

Each year the Hospice Foundation of America presents a nationally recognized distance learning program to more than 125,000 people in 2,000 communities. This educational program has been instrumental in educating health care professionals and families on issues affecting end-of-life care. Continuing Education credits will be available in a number of professional fields.

Ramapo College’s School of Social Sciences and Human Services will serve as the host site for this year’s teleconference. Sign in is at 1 p.m. and a discussion facilitated by Ramapo College professors will follow the teleconference. The event will conclude at 4:30 p.m.

To reserve a place or for more information, please call Diana Alspach, 201.684.7625.

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