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**RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY LISTED BY *KIPLINGER'S* AS ONE OF  
100 BEST VALUES IN PUBLIC COLLEGES**

(Mahwah) – Ramapo College of New Jersey was listed in the February 2006 issue of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* as among the “100 Best Values in Public Colleges.” The headline continues, “Yes, you can still get a first-class education at a reasonable price.”

In explanatory notes on how the 100 were chosen, Kimberly Lankford, who authored the article wrote, “Schools that top *Kiplinger's* list are noteworthy for the combination of top-flight academics and affordable costs.” *Kiplinger's* looked at more than 500 public four-year colleges and universities, using measures including the percentage of freshmen scoring 600 or higher on the verbal and math components of the SAT, student/faculty ratio and graduation rates. In addition, schools were ranked based on cost and financial aid, the average cost for a student with need after subtracting grants, the average cost for a student without need after subtracting non-need based grants, the average percentage of need met by aid and the average debt a student accumulates before graduation.

“This is external confirmation of what Ramapo faculty, staff and students have known for a long time: Ramapo belongs among the state, region and country's most respected public colleges,” said Peter Goetz, vice provost for enrollment management.

Most of the schools that head *Kiplinger's* rankings are state powerhouses with 15,000 students or more. But a few small public colleges, such as Ramapo College with its combined undergraduate and graduate enrollment of about 5,600 students, stood out.

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