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**THOMAS O. MCGURN IS SELECTED TO CHAIR THE
RAMAPO COLLEGE FOUNDATION BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

(Mahwah) – Thomas O. McGurn, general manager – retail and industry relations for BMW of North America, LLC, was named chair of the Ramapo College Foundation Board of Governors during the board’s annual meeting. He has been a member of the Foundation Board of Governors since 1995, serving on the Executive and Golf committees and as chairman of the Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner from 2004-2006. Also elected were Robert Tillsley president, McBride National Services, who is the Foundation Board’s new vice president; Richard Conti, partner, Prestige Media, Inc., who will serve as secretary; and Patricia McMillan, vice president, J.P. Morgan Chase, the Foundation’s new treasurer.

Outgoing Board of Governors Chair Bernard J. Milano said McGurn is a terrific choice for this key position. “He values and appreciates the educational opportunities offered by the College and heartily endorses its strategic plan, leadership team and Board of Trustees. He has proven himself to be a great leader, actively engaged in all aspects of the Foundation.”

McGurn has been associated with BMW of North America, LLC, the U.S. sales and marketing company for BMW automobiles, sports activity vehicles, and motorcycles, and MINI passenger cars since 1975. During his tenure he has had senior management responsibility for a variety of communications, public relations, professional development, and public policy functions. As general manager - retail and industry relations, he is currently responsible for communications and issue management programs with the company’s dealer organizations and is the company’s representative in several industry associations.

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“For more than 10 years, Tom has been a committed board member, taking on roles of increasing responsibility such as chairing our largest fundraiser, the Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner. I look forward to working with him in as he assumes this top leadership position,” said Cathleen Davey, vice president for institutional advancement at Ramapo College and executive director of the Foundation.

In addition to his involvement with the Ramapo College Foundation, McGurn has served on the Board of Directors of the Bergen Hudson Crossroads Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Board/Executive Committee of the Girl Scout Council of Bergen County.

He holds a degree in political science from the California State University—Fresno and completed the Executive Program at the Colgate Darden Graduate School of Business at the University of Virginia.

McGurn and his wife Carolyn, live in Ho-Ho-Kus. They have two adult daughters.

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