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RAMAPO JUMPSTART:
New Pre-College Summer Programs for High School Students

(Mahwah) – New pre-college programs for rising high school juniors and seniors in good academic standing are being offered in summer 2008 through the Center for Innovative and Professional Learning at Ramapo College of New Jersey. The nine new programs offer students choices among courses bearing college credit and non-credit experiential courses. A *Pre-College Open House* is scheduled for Sunday, March 2, 2008 from 1 – 2:30 p.m. on the Ramapo College campus. Pre-registration is requested by visiting: www.ramapo.edu/academics/programs/precollege.html.

“Students who take pre-college courses easily enhance their college admissions applications because their successful completion of these rigorous college courses shows admissions officers that they are motivated and able to meet the challenge of college-level work,” said Ramapo College Provost, Dr. Beth Barnett. “Many students, including those already accepted to a college or university, also welcome the opportunity to earn college credit early, helping to reduce their course load once they enter college.”

Each of Ramapo College’s new *Jumpstart* Pre-college Programs offers hands-on learning supplemented by lectures, seminars and field trips. Participants live in new single-room residence halls on the beautiful Ramapo College campus and programs are fully packaged to include planned evening activities, meals, course materials, and trip fees (when applicable). While students are strongly encouraged to participate in the full residential experience, commuter students are also welcome. Many programs include a closing day presentation to fellow students, friends, and family.

PROGRAMS AND COURSES:

Program 1:

HANDS-ON CONTEMPORARY ARTS (*Non-credit*)

Monday, July 14-Saturday, July 26, 2008 (Monday - Saturday for two weeks)

Students select one of the following courses: Producing the Animated Short Film, Black and White Photography, Stage Design and Technical Theater, and Performance Intensive.

Program 2:

FOSSILS TO FORESTS: FIELD STUDIES IN CHANGING LANDSCAPES (Four credits)

Monday, July 7 – Friday, August 1, 2008 (Monday - Friday for four weeks)

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Students earn four college-level lecture/lab credits: The course combines field excursions, lectures and research projects to investigate the ecology, paleontology, and physical landscape of New Jersey and surrounding areas. Topics include forest dynamics, fossil collection/interpretation, and climate change.

Program 3:

ENRICHMENT IN READING AND WRITING/CULTURAL ENRICHMENT AND LITERACY/READINGS IN POETRY/FILM AND LITERATURE (*Credit Options*)

Monday, July 7 – Friday, August 1, 2008 (Monday - Friday for four weeks)

Students select one of the following two-course combination programs that offer a choice of credit-bearing and non-credit coursework: Enrichment in Reading and Writing/Readings in Poetry; Enrichment in Reading and Writing/Cultural Enrichment and Literacy; Readings in Poetry/Film and Literature; or Cultural Enrichment and Literacy/Film and Literature.

The newly established Ramapo College of New Jersey Center for Innovative and Professional Learning supports postgraduate professional education, workforce development, and alternative learning. The Center also engages in internal and external educational partnerships to advance the College, and provides innovative continuous learning opportunities for community members of all ages.

For additional information about Ramapo College's new *Jumpstart* Pre-college Programs, please visit www.ramapo.edu/academics/programs/precollege.html or contact Rosa Diaz-Mulryan, assistant vice president for the Center for Innovative and Professional Learning, at 201.684.7370 or at cipl@ramapo.edu.

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