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**RAMAPO JUMPSTART REGISTRATION OPEN:
NEW Summer PRE-College Programs for High School Students**

(Mahwah) – Registration is open for new Ramapo *Jumpstart* pre-college programs offered to rising high school juniors and seniors in good academic standing at Ramapo College of New Jersey. The new summer programs offer accepted students choices among the performing and visual arts, science field studies, reading and writing for college, cultural enrichment and literacy, and more, with select courses bearing college credit and distinct non-credit experiential programs also available. A letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor is required as part of the application. The faculty teaching in the program and a residence life representative will present a *Pre-College Open House* on Sunday, April 27, 2008 on the Ramapo College campus. Pre-registration for the information session 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. Many programs include a closing day presentation to fellow students, friends, and family. Participants live in brand new air-conditioned single-room residence halls on the beautiful Ramapo College campus and programs are fully packaged to include instruction, course materials, housing, meals, evening activities, and trip fees. While students are strongly encouraged to participate in the full residential experience, commuter students are also welcome.

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The application deadline for the programs ends June 14. 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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