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***U.S. NEWS RANKS RAMAPO COLLEGE AMONG THE BEST IN THE NORTH***

(MAHWAH) – In the 2009 edition of “America’s Best Colleges,” released by *U.S. News & World Report*, Ramapo College was ranked number 5 in the north in the Top Public Universities-Master’s category. This is the second year the college received the distinction. In addition, Ramapo College climbed the ranking ladder to number 29, up from 32, in *U.S. News’s* comprehensive listing of Best Universities-Master’s in the north.

Institutions ranked in the Universities-Master’s category provide a full range of undergraduate and master’s programs. The 572 institutions included in this category were ranked by region—north, south, midwest and west.

*U.S. News & World Report* uses 7 categories to rank the academic quality of the institutions profiled. They include peer assessment, retention rate, faculty resources, class size, selectivity of the student body, graduation rates and alumni giving rates.

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