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**DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS AWARD DINNER TO BENEFIT RAMAPO
COLLEGE STUDENTS, CAPITAL PROJECTS AND FACULTY**

David Alai, Marion Dugan '80, John R. Smith and Anthony Marino Are Honorees

(MAHWAH) – The Ramapo College Foundation has announced the recipients of its 27th Annual Distinguished Citizens Award. The honorees will be recognized for their personal and professional commitment to advance higher education and for their significant service to the community at a dinner in March, 2009 at the Rockleigh Country Club.

The honorees are David Alai of Rutherford, corporate vice president for Sharp Electronics in Mahwah, New Jersey, a member of the board of directors of the Commerce and Industry Association of New Jersey and a governor on the Ramapo College Foundation board; Marion Dugan '80, formerly of Mahwah and currently in Garrison, New York, founder, along with her husband, Pat, of Charity Navigator; John R. Smith of Tenafly, director of corporate responsibility for Public Service Electric and Gas Company and president of its Foundation, and Anthony J. Marino of Cedar Grove, CEO of Century 21 Construction, which he founded in 1968.

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The annual benefit dinner raises funds for student scholarships, college capital projects and faculty research. The dinner will be held Saturday, March 7, 2009 at the Rockleigh Country Club. The evening will begin with a reception and silent auction at 6 p.m., followed by the dinner program and dancing. For more information, please contact the Foundation office at 201.684.6834 or e-mail lkloak@ramapo.edu.

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