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**RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY LISTED BY *KIPLINGER'S* AS ONE OF
100 BEST VALUES IN PUBLIC COLLEGES**

MAHWAH – Ramapo College of New Jersey is listed in the December 2008 issue of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* as among the “100 Best Values in Public Colleges” for 2009. This is the fourth consecutive year Ramapo College has been included in the “100 Best Values in Public Colleges.” The college was ranked #66 in the country, and one of two colleges in New Jersey in the Top 100.

“This recognition from Kiplinger’s confirms the national reputation that Ramapo College of New Jersey maintains for providing a tremendous value in higher education,” said Ricardo Ortegon, associate vice president for Enrollment Management. “Today, more than ever, the benefits of a liberal arts education – the ability to think and analyze critically and to communicate clearly – are the foundations for a successful career.”

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Kiplinger's studied more than 500 public four-year colleges and universities, using measures including the percentage of freshmen scoring 600 or higher on the verbal and math components of the SAT, student/faculty ratio, admission rates and graduation rates. In addition, schools were ranked based on cost before and after financial aid was factored in, the average cost for a student with need after subtracting grants, the average cost for a student without need after subtracting non-need based grants, the average percentage of need met by aid and the average debt a student accumulates before graduation.

Ramapo College of New Jersey is a comprehensive institution of higher education dedicated to the promotion of teaching and learning within a strong liberal arts based curriculum, thus earning the designation as “New Jersey’s Liberal Arts College” by the New Jersey State Legislature. Its curricular emphasis is international which includes the liberal arts and sciences, social sciences, fine and performing arts and professional programs within a residential and sustainable living and learning environment.

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