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**APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR PRE-COLLEGE EXPERIENCE
PROGRAMS AT RAMAPO COLLEGE**

MAHWAH – Applications are being accepted, and registration is underway, for summer 2009 pre-college experience programs at Ramapo College of New Jersey for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors in good academic standing. The twelve programs offered provide students choices among college credit and non-credit courses, plus the opportunity to live on the college campus.

Information sessions about the summer programs with presentations by the faculty will be held Sunday, March 8 and Sunday, April 26 from 1:30 –3 p.m. in the Trustees Pavilion on the College campus, and are followed by a campus tour. To register for the sessions, log on to RamapoPreCollege.com/precollege3.

“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.”

The programs include:

Writing/Film/French and More

July 6 through 24, offered as three-credit courses or non-credit

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Students may select from the following courses: “*Readings in Poetry*,” “*French Language*” and “*Cultural Enrichment & Literacy*” (offered in the morning) and “*Yoga Theory and Practice*,” “*Film and Literature*” and “*Narrative Writing: Non-fiction*” (offered in the afternoon).

Precalculus

July 6 through 31, offered as a four-credit course or non-credit

Students may enroll in “*Precalculus: a Preparatory Course for High School AP-Calculus*”

Contemporary Arts Practice

July 6 – 24, offered as a three-credit course or non-credit

Students may enroll in “*Fundamentals of Interactive Media*”

July 13 through 24, non-credit

Course offerings include: “*The Complete Singer: Vocal Performance Immersion*,” “*Behind the Scenes: Stage Design and Technical Theater*” and “*Create and Animate: Producing the Animated Short Film*.”

Princeton Review SAT Preparation *Plus* College Immersion

July 20 through 31, non-credit

Students will participate in an intensive SAT preparation, residential program that includes an enhanced curriculum, mock SATs and “Going To College” Immersion Programs.

The pre-college programs at Ramapo College are developed as residential academic experiences to allow students the opportunity to collaborate on class projects and receive a full campus life experience. Each offers hands-on learning supplemented by lectures, seminars and field trips. Participants will live in suite-style residence halls on campus and programs include planned evening activities, meals, and trip fees (when applicable). While students are strongly encouraged to participate in the residential experience, commuter students are also welcome.

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The programs are offered through the Center for Innovative and Professional Learning at Ramapo College of New Jersey. The Center supports youth/pre-college learning experiences, postgraduate professional education, continuing education and alternative learning.

For additional information about the application process for The Pre-College Experience Program at Ramapo College, please visit RamapoPreCollege.com/precollege3 or contact Rosa Diaz-Mulryan, assistant vice president for the Center for Innovative and Professional Learning at 201.684.7370.

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