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**RAMAPO COLLEGE AND RUSSIAN UNIVERSITY ENTER INTO
AGREEMENT TO BENEFIT STUDENTS IN BOTH COUNTRIES**

MAHWAH – Ramapo College of New Jersey has signed an affiliation agreement with the School of International Relations at St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia. The agreement will provide opportunities to pursue joint activities with other schools and programs as well as enhance teaching, research, international and cross-cultural capabilities of both institutions.

Dr. Hassan Nejad, dean of Ramapo College's School of American and International Studies of Mahwah, Professor Jennefer Mazza of Ho-Ho-Kus and Professor Tom Heed of Cornwall, NY, who is retired, traveled to St. Petersburg last year to negotiate this agreement, which was signed in December.

The agreement formalizes an arrangement Ramapo College has had with the university in which Dr. Heed, along with Professor Alexander Kubyshkin, jointly teach a class about the Cold War to American and Russian students.

The agreement provides for faculty and student exchange, joint research projects, joint courses offered on-line or through video conferencing, jointly sponsored conferences,

grant proposals and curriculum development.

Founded in 1724, St. Petersburg State University is the oldest university in Russia.

The School of International Relations is one of the largest and youngest schools at the university, with about 100 faculty members and more than 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

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