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**RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY TO HOST NATURALIZATION
CEREMONY IN OBSERVATION OF CONSTITUTION DAY**

(MAHWAH) - The American Democracy Project at Ramapo College of New Jersey will be hosting a naturalization ceremony on Thursday, September 17.

Found on more than 150 college campuses across the United States, the American Democracy Project is a national organization that seeks to foster an intellectual understanding of civic engagement.

The ADP seeks to increase the number of undergraduate students who understand and are committed to engaging in meaningful civic actions by asking participating institutions to review and restructure academic programs and processes, extracurricular programs and activities, and the institutional culture. It also helps focus the attention of policy makers and opinion leaders on the civic value of the college experience.

The ADP committee at Ramapo College of New Jersey has been creative in both program planning and delivery for the observation of Constitution Day. On September 17, 2009, the campus will host a naturalization ceremony from 1-3 p.m. in the Trustees Pavilion.

There will be 25-30 applicants from all over the world along with family, and staff from the Newark field office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Applicants have come from Albania, Jordan, Costa Rica, Korea, Colombia, Ecuador, Israel, Jamaica, Turkey, Italy, the Philippines, Greece, Poland, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Russia, and Peru.

The event will feature speakers Murray Sabrin, a professor of finance in the Anisfield School of Business and naturalized citizen of the US, and Dr. Peter Mercer, president of Ramapo College.

Kimberly J. Zanotti, the field office director of the Newark office, will be administering the oath to the applicants at the ceremony.

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