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

(MAHWAH) - The American Democracy Project at Ramapo College of New Jersey hosted 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 hosted a naturalization ceremony in the Trustees Pavilion.

More than 30 applicants from all over the world along with family, and staff from the Newark field office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services attended. Applicants hailed from countries such as Albania, Jordan, Costa Rica, Korea, Colombia, Ecuador, Israel, Jamaica, Turkey, Italy, the Philippines, Greece, Poland, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Russia, and Peru.

Dr. Murray Sabrin, a professor of finance in the Anisfield School of Business and naturalized citizen of the United States, and Dr. Peter P. Mercer, president of Ramapo College addressed the gathering.

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

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