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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 February 2010 issue of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* as among the "100 Best Values in Public Colleges" for 2009. This is the fifth consecutive year Ramapo College has been included in the "100 Best Values in Public Colleges" and has advanced in ranking from #66 to #49 in the nation.

The College is one of three New Jersey public institutions of higher education included in the list, which was released January 5.

"This year's recognition by *Kiplinger's* reaffirms our commitment to providing a high-quality, accessible education," Enrollment Manager Christopher Romano. "At a time when public entities are asked to do more with less, Ramapo continues to strategically invest in the essentials of a liberal arts education, stellar faculty who ensure Ramapo graduates are critical thinkers and lifelong learners."

The #49 ranking is for in-state tuition and fees at Ramapo College; the College received a ranking of #20 for value in out-of-state tuition.

*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.

The full report can be viewed at: [www.kiplinger.com/reports/best-college-values/](http://www.kiplinger.com/reports/best-college-values/).

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 Public Liberal Arts College" by the New Jersey State Legislature. Its curricular emphasis is international and covers 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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