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**Ramapo College Invites Public to Celebrate 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Angelica and Russ Berrie Center for the Visual and Performing Arts**

(MAHWAH) – Ramapo College of New Jersey’s will host a day-long celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Angelica and Russ Berrie Center for the Visual and Performing Arts, and the public is invited to join in the celebration to take place on Saturday, February 6, from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The Center is the hub of cultural events for the College and the region and has hosted scores of world-class performances, exhibits and other cultural events since its opening 1999. It houses the College’s School of Contemporary Arts, the Sharp and Adler theaters, the Pascal and Kresge galleries and numerous studios, classrooms and rehearsal rooms.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will kick off with an Open House from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., which will showcase student, alumni and faculty films, performances, concerts, lectures and exhibitions.

From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Former Ramapo President Dr. Robert A. Scott, current president of Adelphi University, will discuss the effort to create the Center. He will also participate in a panel discussion, “Why an Arts Education When the World is Falling Apart,” in the Adler Theatre. The panel will include Ramapo faculty and administrators.

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., guests can attend a gallery reception for the alumni exhibition, “Tops of the Ten,” and from 7 to 10 p.m. distinguished alumni, students and faculty will offer musical performances. Students, alumni and friends of the Center are invited to a dance from 10 p.m. to midnight.

For more information about the events, please call the Berrie Center Box Office at 201.684.7844. Members of the media who need more information may contact Anna Farneski, assistant vice president, Marketing and Communications, 201.684.6844.

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