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**RAMAPO COLLEGE'S FOURTH ANNUAL DIVERSITY  
CONVOCATION PRESENTS TASHEL C. BORDERE, PH.D**

MAHWAH - Ramapo College presents its fourth annual Diversity Convocation on Wednesday, Feb. 3, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the Sharp Theater, located in the Angelica and Russ Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts.

This year's celebration features Tashel C. Bordere, PhD, Associate Professor of Child and Family Development from the University of Central Missouri, who has developed and taught courses related to multiculturalism in families, adolescent culture, and death, dying, and bereavement in families. Dr. Bordere is a speaker, youth advocate, researcher, and author of works relating to diversity and resilience through grief. She has done numerous consultations, presentations, and workshops across the country relating to cultural awareness, sensitivity to diversity and social conscientiousness.

Her most recent work is "To Look at Death Another Way': Black Teenage Males' Perspectives on Second-Lines and Regular Funerals in New Orleans," which was published in *Omega: The Journal of Death and Dying*. Her research focuses on homicidal violent death among African American youth, cultural death customs, parenting approaches within context, and culturally sensitive practices in research and work with children and adolescents.

Dr. Bordere's convocation speech will be on "Diversity, Courage and Resilience in the Face of Challenges." She will also be part of a panel featuring four Ramapo College students who won the Resilience Stories essay competition, which will be held earlier in the day, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Student Center, Room 138.

In the event of inclement weather, the Convocation will be held on Thursday, Feb. 4 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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