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Ramapo College's Second Annual World Language and Culture Symposium Celebrates the Benefits of Learning Another Language

(MAHWAH, NJ) - "Expanding Cultural Diversity: Does Learning another Language Matter?" will be the theme of a four-day world language and culture symposium sponsored by Ramapo College of New Jersey beginning Wednesday, March 3. The symposium is free and open to the public.

The main events of the symposium will take place on March 3. Jon M. Strolle, a professor of the Graduate School of Language and Educational Linguistics at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, will be the keynote speaker, with an introduction by Dr. Hassan Nejad, Dean of the School of American and International Studies and Dr. Rosetta D'Angelo, Professor of Italian Studies.

Strolle's keynote presentation will be followed by various readings and presentations by students and faculty members exploring the benefits of learning another language, including the event "The International At Home," which will help discover various countries, languages and cultures with international students. There will be food tastings, music and exhibitions from Egypt, Lebanon, Pakistan and Greece.

The goal of the symposium is to expand cultural awareness through personal experience and explore the value of cultural diversity in a globalizing world, including the importance of learning a world language. Among the reasons cited for learning another language are joining the global community, improving one's English and enhancing travel experiences.

The World Language Symposium will be sponsored by Ramapo College's School of American and International Studies. The main event will be on Wednesday, March 3 from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the College campus. Other events will be held on March 1, 2 and 4; for information on these events, please call Dr. D'Angelo at 201.684.7408 [or visit the following link]. Participants may stay for part of or the entire program. No registration is required; attendees are asked to arrive at the Student Center SC-219 (Friends Hall) prior to the start time. For more information, please call 201.684.7408.

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