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NJ Higher Education Service-Learning Consortium to Sponsor the First Learning to End Hunger Conference: “Connecting Classrooms and Communities”

(MAHWAH, NJ) – The New Jersey Higher Education Service-Learning Consortium will host the first statewide *Learning to End Hunger: “Connecting Classrooms and Communities” Conference*, on Friday, April 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Conference Center at Raritan Valley Community College. Innovative workshops will highlight service-learning and civic engagement approaches to ending hunger in New Jersey. Ramapo College of New Jersey is an active member of the Consortium.

The purpose of the conference is for professionals in higher education to come together and share ideas and tools on how service-learning and civic engagement can most effectively address hunger and food insecurities in our communities, and how to encourage students to actively engage in addressing these issues. An array of workshops will explore service-learning and civic engagement best practices that address hunger and food insecurity in our communities. Service-learning, or experiential learning, is a key element to the interdisciplinary education that Ramapo College offers. The New Jersey Higher Education Service-Learning Consortium, a statewide network of educators, community partners and students, supports and fosters service-learning principles and practices at higher education institutions throughout the state.

The conference is intended for faculty, administrators, students and community partners interested in beginner to advanced levels of hunger-related service-learning and civic engagement work. Visit <http://learningtoendhunger.pbworks.com> and click on the link for the April 9 Conference for more information. Registration is \$30, \$10 for students. Breakfast and lunch are included.

For directions to the Conference Center at Raritan Valley Community College, please visit their website at <http://www.raritanval.edu/about/directions.html>.

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