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**RAMAPO COLLEGE TO HOST UNDERSTANDING & PREVENTING
BULLYING CONFERENCE**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – The Ramapo College Child Development Institute will host a daylong Understanding & Preventing Bullying conference on Monday, April 25. The Institute is housed in the College’s School of Social Science and Human Services.

The interdisciplinary event is designed for direct service providers in mental health and education. It will bring together educators, social workers, psychologists and other social service professionals who serve children in area communities. Ramapo faculty members will discuss current research in the topic, discuss developmental issues related to bullying, and present information about prevention and effective responses for parents and educators.

“Bullying is a major social concern that reverberates throughout society,” said Dean Samuel J. Rosenberg. “We at Ramapo College are committed to providing information and support to the larger community.”

The conference begins at 8:30 a.m. in the Trustees Pavilion. Sessions will include:

- Stomp Out Bullying in the Classroom, Asst. Professor of Teacher Education Julie Norflus-Good
- Kids of Criminals? How the Law Responds to Bullying, Asst. Professor of Social Work Kathryn Krase
- Language Acquisition and Learning Disabilities in Preschool and School-Aged Children, Assoc. Professor of Psychology Naseem Choudhury
- How Children Solve Problems Involving Physical Risk, Asst. Professor of Psychology Shaziela Ishak
- LGBTIQ: Gender Variance and Bullying, Assoc. Professor of Developmental Psychology Maya Poran and Asst. Professor of Social Science Robert Sproul
- Bullying, Harassment, and Educational Policy, Asst. Professor of Law and Society, Dominique Johnson
- Optimizing Development and Social Adjustment Through Parenting, Asst. Professor of Developmental Psychology Lysandra Perez-Strumolo

- Desert Journey and Hidden Grievs: Children Coping with Secondary Losses, Professor of Gerontology Kay Fowler

For a complete description of the conference and to reserve a seat, please visit:

<http://ww2.ramapo.edu/sshs/bully.aspx>

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as fourth in the Best Regional Universities North category, Ramapo College of New Jersey offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include nursing and social work, as well as courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers five graduate programs as well as articulated programs with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New York Chiropractic College, New York University College of Dentistry, SUNY State College of Optometry and New York College of Podiatric Medicine.

Undergraduate students choose to concentrate their studies in one of five schools with more than 700 course offerings and 40 academic programs. Ramapo College boasts an average student/faculty ratio of 18:1 and average class size of 23, affording students the opportunity to develop close ties to the College's exceptional faculty.

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