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RAMAPO COLLEGE TO OFFER NEW MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP BEGINNING FALL 2011

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Ramapo College of New Jersey will offer a new Master of Arts in Educational Leadership making it possible for teachers in Northern New Jersey to further their careers and obtain a New Jersey Administrator/Principal Endorsement.

Classes commence in Fall 2011 and prospective graduate students may learn more about the program at a Graduate Programs Open House on Saturday, April 16 at the College.

The Master of Arts in Educational Leadership (MAEL) program is designed to produce talented and confident contemporary New Jersey school leaders well-grounded in administrative practices, and equipped with the dispositions, characteristics and skills essential for success.

“Our new program will provide tomorrow’s education leaders with the interpersonal, problem solving, technical and organizational proficiencies critical to their careers and the futures of New Jersey’s schoolchildren,” said Provost Beth Barnett. “Ramapo College is pleased to offer this flexible, practical program that is designed in recognition of the unique needs of working educational professionals.

In order to prepare highly competent educational leaders who are able to apply research-based best practices, the 36-credit program will provide unique learning opportunities that enable students to internalize such practices through observation, field-based application and mentoring, in real school settings.

Opportunities unique to the program include:

- Extensive field-based experiences with exemplary educational leaders who have consistently implemented research-based best practices with success.
- Individual and/or collaborative action research in an authentic context.
- Differentiated learning driven by the development and implementation of an individual Professional Growth Plan (PGP), consistent with the NJDOE-required model.
- Opportunities to engage in collegial discourse with fellow educators, outstanding educational leaders and researchers, and representatives of prominent educational organizations.
- Opportunities for international study and collaboration.
- Integration of technology to allow for enhanced learning and performance.

For more information about the MAELS program visit: <http://www.ramapo.edu/mael/>

Ramapo College of New Jersey offers five graduate programs, including the new Master of Arts in Sustainability Studies, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Educational Technology. The open house will be held Saturday, April 16 at 10 a.m. in the Trustees Pavilion. A second will be held Tuesday, May 3 at 5:30 p.m.

For more information about the upcoming Graduate Program Open House, or to register, visit: <http://www.ramapo.edu/graduate/openhouse/>

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.