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Ramapo College to Offer Second Annual Leadership Symposium: Back to Basics

(MAHWAH, NJ) - Ramapo College of New Jersey invites aspiring, new and experienced managers to its Second Annual Leadership Symposium: Back to Basics on Friday, June 17 in the Trustees Pavilion.

"This is a timely opportunity to network with managers from other organizations and to learn key skills from successful business leaders representing the ranks of CEO's, VP's and Operations Managers from the Newark YMCA, KPMG, BMW of North America, Wyndham, Stryker, and Pitney Bowes," said Rosa Diaz-Mulryan, assistant vice president of the Ramapo College Center for Innovative and Professional Learning which is sponsoring the program.

The Leadership Symposium includes a panel discussion on The Role of Core Leadership Competencies; leadership workshops on Ensuring Peak Performance and Prioritizing for Success; and expert laser sessions on Managing Change in a Turbulent Environment, Leading a Diverse Workforce, Conducting Effective Meetings and Delegating for Results.

The one-day symposium is designed by the college's Center for Innovative and Professional Learning in response to research showing a growing need for leadership skills among employees for career advancement. The symposium is conducted by successful business leaders to aid participants in advancing in today's workplace with new strategies for motivating employees, charting business initiatives and generating results.

The Second Annual Leadership Symposium: Back to Basics will be held on the Ramapo College of New Jersey campus on Friday, June 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., starting in the Trustees Pavilion. The cost, which includes breakfast and lunch, is \$199; discounts are available to groups of three or more. To register online and for additional information, visit http://www.ramapo.edu/cipl/leap-symposia

For further information, contact the director of the symposium, Denise Sawyer-Johnson, Anisfield School of Business assistant director/career advisor, at 201.684.7681, or the Ramapo College Center for Innovative and Professional Learning at cipl@ramapo.edu or 201.684.7370.

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, and as courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers five graduate programs and 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.