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Center for Innovative and Professional Learning Celebrates Its 1,000th Student Enrollment

MAHWAH, NJ – Founded in fall 2007 with its first programs launching in 2008, the Center for Innovative and Professional Learning (CIPL) at Ramapo College of New Jersey recently celebrated its 1,000th student enrollment.

During a special celebratory event, Rosa Diaz-Mulryan, CIPL's assistant vice president, awarded a Kindle to the 1,000th enrollee, Deepa Manandhar of Monsey, NY, who enrolled in a Saturday Yoga Workshop offered through the Center received the prize. A second Kindle prize was also awarded in a random drawing of past CIPL program enrollees. Maureen Sharlow of Edison, NJ, a Ramapo College communications arts major who is also enrolled in the college's Business Essentials Certificate program was the random drawing awardee.

"Ramapo College is very pleased to celebrate this milestone for its Center for Innovative and Professional Learning and share its excitement with two of our enrollees," said Diaz-Mulryan. "The breadth of our non-degree offerings has grown to include six career certificate programs, a number of dynamic summer academic camps for middle school and high school students, and an annual leadership symposium on critical leadership topics for aspiring, new and experienced managers in business and other organizations."

Certificate programs offered through the Center include Business Essentials, Project Management, Middle School Certification for elementary teachers, Web Development, Yoga Studies and Yoga Teacher Certification. Summer youth programs include the Ramapo Explorers Middle School Academic Camp, and the Financial Literacy/Stock Market Camp and Princeton Review Plus College Immersion program for high school students. Community members are invited to participate in Saturday yoga workshops throughout the fall and spring, CPR training, online test prep programs, retirement planning seminars and numerous other non-credit offerings.

The mission of the Ramapo College of New Jersey Center for Innovative and Professional Learning is to support postgraduate professional education, workforce development, and alternative learning. The Center also engages in internal and external educational partnerships to advance the College, and provides innovative continuous learning opportunities for community members of all ages.

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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, 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.