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**Ramapo College Places First in National Guard Forrest L. Wood College Fishing
2011 Northern Regional Championship**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – The Ramapo College bass fishing team won the National Guard College Fishing Division Regional championship this month at State College, PA. Jeff Voss, of Secaucus, NJ, a junior systems information major, and Joseph Zapf, of Whippany, NJ, a sophomore accounting major, caught a three day total of 14 bass weighing 27 pounds, two ounces. The team beat out other colleges such as Virginia Tech and Fairmount State University.

Voss and Zapf also come from the ranks of the New Jersey Bass Federation Youth Division.

Ramapo also took fourth place as two teams from the College qualified for the tournament. The second team, consisting of Charles Danza, of Ringwood, NJ and Bob Rieder, of West Milford, NJ, founder and president of the College's bass fishing club, caught 11 bass, weighing 16 pounds, one ounce.

“It's pretty huge what they accomplished,” said Bradley Center and Equipment Manager P.J. Bartolotto, also the bass fishing club advisor for the College. “They [went] up against...premier colleges. They're competing across the board with big time schools.”

Bartolotto is the Conservation Director for the state of New Jersey with the New Jersey Bass Fishing Federation.

The first place team won a bass fishing boat for the College and \$12,500 for both Ramapo College and the school's bass fishing club. The fourth place team won \$5,000 split between the College and the club. Both teams entered by the College qualified for the nationals.

The tournament will be broadcast on television on October 16 at 1 p.m. on Versus Country TV.

The College Fishing championship is free to enter and is sponsored by the National Guard. Participants are provided with free boats and drivers for teams. Teams compete in one of five divisions. Winners then compete in four regional tournaments. The top five winners qualify for the College Fishing championship.

For more information about the National Guard College Fishing Division Regional championship, please visit <http://collegefishing.com>. For more information about

Ramapo's bass fishing club, contact Bob Rieder, the club's president via email at rrieder@ramapo.edu or visit the club's Web page on <http://www.orgsync.com>.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as fifth in the Best Regional Universities North category, Ramapo College of New Jersey is sometimes mistaken for a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary academic structure, its size of approximately 6,008 students and its pastoral setting in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains on the New Jersey/New York border.

Established in 1969, Ramapo College 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. In addition, Ramapo College offers 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.