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**Ramapo College of New Jersey Hires New Director of Athletics, Charles Gordon**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Ramapo College of New Jersey has named Charles Gordon the new Director of Athletics, Intramurals and Recreation. Gordon becomes the College's sixth athletic director.

Gordon has over 35 years of experience in College athletics, most recently serving as the Director of Athletics and Assistant Dean of Students at The American University in Cairo, Egypt. During his tenure at American he directed the department's move into a new 250,000-square-foot indoor sports facility, plus a 35-acre outdoor facility, as part of the AUC campus relocation.

"I am very much looking forward to working with Charles Gordon who brings a wealth of experience to our athletic programs," said Ramapo College President Peter P. Mercer. Gordon arrives on campus for his first day of work Monday, October 3.

"I look forward to joining the experienced group of coaches, administrators and support staff already working within the department," said Gordon. "It will be great returning to a strong NCAA Division III athletic program and supporting the Ramapo student-athletes. I am particularly looking forward to the competition within the NJAC. I know those games will be highly competitive and exciting to watch."

Gordon's career prior to AUC includes directing the athletics and recreation programs at three NCAA Division III Colleges and Universities: Augustana College (2004-2008), Emory University (1990-2003), and Rhodes College (1985-1990). He has been tournament director and host athletic director for numerous NCAA National Championships and Regional Championships and is the founding president of the NCAA Division III Athletic Administrators Association.

Gordon earned his Bachelor of Science in Education from Central Michigan University in 1974 before earning his Master of Arts in Physical Education in 1979.

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.