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William Dator Appointed to Ramapo College Board of Trustees

(MAHWAH, NJ) – William “Bill” Dator, of Mahwah, NJ, was sworn in as a member of the Ramapo College Board of Trustees today. He replaces Gail Brady who has served as a Board member since 1993.

Dator was born in India but moved to Mahwah at an early age. As a graduate of Monmouth College, now a university, he did graduate work in real estate at the University of Indiana, the University of Connecticut and the University of San Francisco Law School. Dator has been a real estate broker for more than 30 years and is a licensed real estate appraiser in New Jersey. He is currently a broker associate with Coldwell Banker Commercial.

“As we thank Gail Brady for years of selfless service to this institution, we welcome Bill Dator to the Board of Trustees,” said Board Chairman A.J. Sabath ’93. “Ramapo College has undergone nothing less than a transformation in recent years and we are well on our way to becoming the premier public liberal arts institution in the region. I am certain that Bill’s contributions and vision will help us achieve our goals on behalf of our students and the people of New Jersey.”

Dator played an important role in helping plan the location of the College when he suggested the Stephen Birch estate as a potential site for the new college. Dator and his wife, Linda, are supporters of the Ramapo College Foundation, Golf Outing, Distinguished Citizens Dinner and the Havemeyer Edible Garden.

“Bill Dator and his wife, Linda, have had a long standing relationship with Ramapo College,” said President Peter P. Mercer. “Bill was the founding President of the Friends of Ramapo and has been actively involved with our College since 1970. We are pleased to have Bill formally join the College now as a member of the Board of Trustees. As a life long resident of Mahwah and a successful businessman, I have no doubt that Bill's expertise in capital development and community building will serve the College well.”

Dator serves as the Chairman of the Northwest Bergen Utilities Authority, Vice Chairman of the Mahwah Board of Adjustment and is also an active member of the Mahwah Office of Emergency Management. He has also served as a Director of Independence Bank and Commerce Bank North, President of the New Jersey Securities and Syndication Institute and was the first Chairman of the Bergen County Agricultural Development Board. He has also volunteered his time in Mahwah as President of Mahwah Chamber of Commerce, Battalion Chief with the Mahwah Fire Department, President of the Mahwah Ambulance Corps and as a Trustee of the Mahwah Museum.

For a photo of William Dator, go to:

<http://www.ramapo.edu/news/pressreleases/2012/images/Dator-Bill.tif>

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as sixth 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 six 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.