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Ramapo College Named one of the Nation's Most Disability-Friendly Colleges in New Publication

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Ramapo College of New Jersey was recently named as one of the nation's most disability-friendly colleges in the new publication, "College Success for Students with Physical Disabilities," published by Prufrock Press in February 2012 and distributed to bookstores nationwide.

Ramapo College was one of three New Jersey institutions of higher education listed. The College's Office of Specialized Services (OSS) has attained the TRIO grant, a Federal grant that assists individuals with disabilities and others from a disadvantaged background to progress in academia, year after year and has had successful affiliated students; retention and graduation rates of students with disabilities are similar to the College's overall retention and graduation rate and are higher than similar programs elsewhere.

"College Success for Students with Physical Disabilities" addresses the concerns of students with physical disabilities about living arrangements, classroom necessities, transportation and other college campus-related issues. The book includes a list of colleges across the country that provide accommodations for such students that go above and beyond the requirements set forth by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The book offers students guidance in choosing a college and includes checklists, forms, advice from disabled college students and disability services personnel, interview with other students, and profiles of disability-friendly colleges.

The author of "College Success for Students with Physical Disabilities" drew inspiration for the book from experiences with her son, a college student with cerebral palsy.

For more information about "College Success for Students with Physical Disabilities" or to receive a copy of the book, please contact Lacy Compton at lcompton@prufrock.com.

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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.