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**INFORMATION SESSIONS SCHEDULED FOR RAMAPO COLLEGE'S  
SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMS AND ACADEMIC CAMPS**

(MAHWAH, NJ) —Middle school and high school students may now register for the full-day summer academic programs offered at Ramapo College of New Jersey: the Ramapo Explorers-STEM Middle School Academic Camp, the Financial Literacy/Stock Market Trading Program, and SAT Prep. Pre-registration for upcoming March and April Information Sessions is also open. Visit [www.ramapo.edu/ramapocamps](http://www.ramapo.edu/ramapocamps) to register.

The new Ramapo Explorers-STEM Middle School Academic Camp runs July 9 through 20 and focuses on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) learning activities while having fun. The program is for middle school students entering seventh and eighth grades, and entering sixth graders may attend with a special recommendation by a teacher or guidance counselor.

The Ramapo Explorers-STEM schedule consists of several educational programs that give campers a chance to explore STEM topics in a fun and interactive environment while they advance their problem-solving, critical thinking and teamwork abilities that are a part of the new national Common Core Standards. Campers follow a schedule from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. including: Hands-on Science, Olympic Robotics, Recreation, Real World Math, *iReport* News, and more. Students are taught by highly qualified certified middle school teachers and are supported by trained college-age counselors who are often teacher education majors. Early drop off and late pick up are offered.

The Financial Literacy/Stock Market Trading Program for high school students utilizes the college's Global Financial Markets Trading Laboratory in the Anisfield School of Business, which is accredited by the international Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The Financial Literacy/Stock Market Trading Program runs August 6 through 10. In the mornings, 9 a.m. through Noon, participants learn about budgeting and finances to prepare them for making sound financial decisions in the future. They learn about how to save money, the positive and negative effects of using credit cards, and how to budget their personal finances that impact lifestyle choices. In the afternoons, 1 through 4 p.m., students interact with the latest software for simulated stock trading in the Trading Lab, an authentic stock market trading room complete with an electronic ticker display carrying financial data from multiple world markets. Students participate in games and competitions as they buy, sell and trade to build their own stock portfolios. No previous knowledge is necessary.

A Princeton Review SAT Prep Plus College Immersion program is also offered for entering eleventh and twelfth graders and runs July 16 through 26. It includes four proctored SATs with detailed computer analysis of the results, 11 practice tests for the

SAT and PSAT, extra online lessons, special college admissions seminars, and much more.

The Ramapo College of New Jersey youth/pre-college programs are directed by the College's Center for Innovative and Professional Learning. The Center supports 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. For more information, contact Rosa Diaz-Mulryan at (201) 684-7370 or visit [www.ramapo.edu/ramapocamps](http://www.ramapo.edu/ramapocamps).

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as fifth in the Best Regional Universities North category for public institutions, 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.