FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Anna Farneski; afarnesk@ramapo.edu / (201) 684.6844

March 20, 2012

Preserve the Magic to Restore Ramapo Valley County Reservation

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Fall under the spell of a night of laughs with the brothers of Alpha Phi Delta National Italian Heritage Fraternity who will host Preserve the Magic, a comedy-hypnosis fundraiser to support the Ramapo Valley County Reservation in the H-Wing auditorium on Thursday, March 29 at 9 p.m.

The Ramapo Reservation was designated a Wilderness Area in 1972 with 741 acres of open space. The reservation now boasts 4,000 acres of permanent open space. Over the past year, the reservation's parks, roads, and bridges have suffered damages from Hurricane Irene and other storms and flooding. Many trees have fallen, wreaking havoc on the reservation's structures.

Proceeds from Preserve the Magic will help restore areas damaged by last summer's storms.

The event is open to the public and the College. Tickets will be sold at the door along with refreshments. For more information, please contact Philanthropy Chair of Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity and Inter-Fraternity Council President Marc Syslo at msyslo@ramapo.edu or visit the event's Facebook page under Preserve the Magic.

###

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.