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**Ramapo Physics Professor One of the Brainiest People in New Jersey in “Inside Jersey” magazine**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Physics Professor Philip Anderson was named one of the 20 Brainiest People in New Jersey by the March 2012 edition of “Inside Jersey” magazine. As a member on what the magazine terms the N.J. Brainpower List, Anderson is lauded as an inventor with 37 U.S. patents (although the magazine only cites 34) and more than 100 foreign patents.

“It is flattering to be included in such a group of talented people,” said Anderson.

Anderson, a resident of Madison, NJ, was also named Inventor of the Year by the New Jersey’s Inventors Hall of Fame in 2001 for inventing the acoustic-magnetic electronic article surveillance (EAS) system used worldwide. The effects of the 1987 invention are still felt today in the plastic anti-theft tags pinned to clothing or labels that are affixed to merchandise in retail stores. The technology has been used in devices that prevent theft of library books and newborns in the hospital. The surveillance system also warns surgeons if they leave a sponge or instrument in a patient during surgery.

For the full list of the Garden State’s brainiest and brightest residents, please visit [http://www.nj.com/inside-jersey/index.ssf/cover\\_stories/jerseys\\_biggest\\_brains.html](http://www.nj.com/inside-jersey/index.ssf/cover_stories/jerseys_biggest_brains.html).

For a photo of Professor Philip Anderson, click here: <http://www.ramapo.edu/news/pressreleases/2012/images/Anderson-Phil.tif>

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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 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.