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Ramapo College Honored for Student Engagement, Teaching, College Community and Graduate Success by CollegesofDistinction.com

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Ramapo College is now featured on CollegesofDistinction.com, a website dedicated to honoring schools nationwide for their excellence in student-focused higher education.

“Schools designated as “Colleges of Distinction” create well-rounded graduates and are among the very best in the country,” said Tyson Schritter, executive editor of Colleges of Distinction™.

Colleges and universities are nominated for participation in Colleges of Distinction™ through high school counselors’ recommendations as well as quantitative research.

Once nominated, the colleges are assessed using the Four Distinctions: student engagement, quality of teaching, vibrancy of the college community and success of graduates. Schools featured on CollegesofDistinction.com must meet minimum standards in each category.

Ramapo was found to excel in all Four Distinctions and will receive a personal profile on the Colleges of Distinction™ website.

“We are pleased to be recognized for our commitment to our students,” said Ramapo College President Peter P. Mercer. “Here at Ramapo College of New Jersey our students work with outstanding and devoted faculty who excel at teaching, mentoring and preparing them to succeed personally and professionally, in an environment usually associated with an elite college.”

Student Danielle Corcione, a sophomore from Ocean City, NJ said, “This is a well-earned recognition. As a freshman at Ramapo College I took advantage of opportunities to engage with my professors, peers, and the broader community. I participated in so many things within my first year at Ramapo—among them a dynamic Leaders in Service program for undergraduate students, an internship with a legislative district office, a residence hall activity competition, and the College’s Strategic Planning Task Force. I can’t wait for sophomore year!”

CollegesofDistinction.com offers dynamic college profiles and easy-to-use search tools for students, parents, and counselors. The website includes tips from high school guidance counselors, essays from college students, presidents and other members of campus communities.

“While each school is one of a kind, they all share a common theme: they are all a great place to get an education,” Schritter said.

To view Ramapo College's profile or to find more information about the online guide visit CollegeofDistinction.com.

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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.