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DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS AWARD HONOREES ANNOUNCED

Event Recognizes Outstanding Citizens

*Keith Dawkins, '94, Bill Duffy, Roy and Eileen Putrino
and Ludwig Willisch Are Honorees*

(MAHWAH, NJ) – The Ramapo College Foundation has announced the recipients of its 31st Annual Distinguished Citizens Award. The honorees, chosen for their commitment to their community, will be recognized at a gala dinner March 9 at the Rockleigh Country Club.

The honorees are Keith Dawkins, of Ridgewood, NJ, a 1994 graduate of Ramapo College who is a senior vice president and general manager, Nicktoons, TeenNick and Nick Jr. and serves on the Ramapo College Foundation Board of Governors; Bill Duffy of Mahwah, NJ, president North America and global director of operations, Net-A-Porter Group.; Board of Governors member Roy and Eileen Putrino of Wyckoff, NJ, president, CEO and CFO of Basic Home Infusion Inc.; and Ludwig Willisch of Woodcliff Lake, NJ, president and CEO of BMW of North America, LLC.

The annual benefit dinner raises funds for student scholarships, faculty and student research opportunities and campus capital projects. The dinner will be held Saturday, March 9 at the elegant Rockleigh Country Club in Rockleigh. A cocktail reception and silent auction begins at 6 p.m. The dinner program honoring the Distinguished Citizens begins at 8 p.m. Dinner and dancing will follow.

Dinner sponsorship levels are available. The cost for an individual ticket is \$400. For more information or to order tickets, please contact the Foundation office at 201.684.6834 or e-mail lkloak@ramapo.edu.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as sixth 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.

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