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RAMAPO COLLEGE STOCK MARKET TRADING LAB OFFERS AUGUST FINANCIAL LITERACY CAMP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS Information Sessions Scheduled

(MAHWAH, NJ) – High school students and their families are invited to attend an Information Session for the **Financial Literacy & Stock Market Trading Program** at Ramapo College of New Jersey on Wednesdays, April 17 or June 12, from 7 to 8 p.m. The sessions take place in the College's Global Financial Markets Trading Laboratory in the Anisfield School of Business, Room ASB-527. Pre-registration is requested online at www.ramapo.edu/cipl/youth/stockmarketfinlit.html.

In response to the new learning requirements for New Jersey high school-age students prescribed in the national Common Core Standards, the program focuses on financial literacy and the stock market to help high school students form good financial habits. The full-day program runs August 5 through 9. Through interactive hands-on activities, students learn about the importance of saving, budgeting and building a credit record. Each student is assigned a specific budget and researches and reports on lifestyle choices the budget allows. Students learn how to manage their money in preparation for entering the workforce.

Students also become engaged in the world of finance and the stock market in fun and interactive sessions in the College's Global Financial Markets Trading Laboratory. This authentic stock market trading room, complete with electronic ticker display carrying financial data from multiple world markets, brings the experience of Wall Street and the global marketplace to the students' summer. When asked how they spent their summer vacation, they can answer, "My parents gave me \$1,000,000 and I used it to trade on Wall Street!"

Additional summer youth programs include The Princeton Review SAT Prep *Plus* College Immersion program offered for entering 11th and 12th graders that runs July 22 through August 1. Students receive 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. For middle school grades, students may attend the full-day Ramapo Explorers-STEM Middle School Academic Camp that runs a two-week session July 8 through 19 and covers such topics as Science Matters, Robotics Rumble, GPS: Geo Problem Solvers (math), and CSI: Crime Science Investigation, and more.

The Ramapo College of New Jersey youth/pre-college programs are directed by 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 the Center for Innovative and Professional Learning at (201) 684-7370 or visit www.ramapo.edu/ramapocamps.

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

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