RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

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Ramapo College Named to Colleges of Distinction List, Again

(MAHWAH, NJ) – For the second consecutive year, Ramapo College is featured on CollegesofDistinction.com, a website dedicated to honoring schools nationwide for their excellence in student-focused higher education. Ramapo is one of just five New Jersey schools to make the list this year.

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 exceled in all Four Distinctions and received a personal profile on the Colleges of DistinctionTM website.

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 and essays from college students, presidents and other members of campus communities.

Ramapo College's profile can be viewed at <u>http://www.collegesofdistinction.com/school/ramapo-college/</u>. To find more information about the online guide, visit <u>CollegeosfDistinction.com</u>.

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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.