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**President Peter P. Mercer to Throw First Pitch at Rockland Boulders Baseball Game August 8**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Ramapo College President Peter P. Mercer will throw the first pitch at the upcoming Rockland Boulders professional Canadian American League baseball game Thursday, August 8 at the Provident Bank Park in Pomona, N.Y. The game, which will be played against the Wichita Wingnuts, will begin at 7 p.m.

The game features a Ramapo College giveaway. The first 1,000 fans in attendance will receive a free Ramapo travel mug courtesy of the college. A fireworks show will take place at the stadium following the game. The game will be also be telecast live on channel 78 for all local Optimum TV customers.

Ramapo is offering advanced, discounted outfield box seat tickets for $9. Gameday tickets are $12. Tickets may be purchased at <http://purchase.tickets.com/buy/TicketPurchase?agency=ROCK_B2B17&pid=7485814> or in person at the stadium’s box office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and during all home games. Sales tax and a convenience fee will be added for guests who purchase online.

Directions to the ballpark can be found at <http://rocklandboulders.com/ballpark/map/>. Parking is $5 per vehicle on the day of the game.

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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.