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Ramapo College Named to Military Friendly Schools ® List for Consecutive Year

(MAHWAH, NJ) - Victory Media, a media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has named Ramapo College to its Military Friendly Schools ® list. The 2014 Military Friendly Schools ® list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

The complete survey methodology is available at

http://www.militaryfriendlyschools.com/Article/methodology-press-kit. The Military Friendly Schools ® website, found at <u>www.militaryfriendlyschools.com</u>, features the list, interactive tools and search functionality to help military students find the best school to suit their unique needs and preferences. Ramapo College is among the nation's top colleges, universities and trade schools on this year's list that exhibits leading practices in the recruitment and retention of students with military experience.

Now in its fifth year, the 2014 list of Military Friendly Schools ® was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 12,000 VA-approved schools nationwide. The survey tabulation process, methodology and weightings that comprise the 2014 list were independently verified by Ernst and Young LLP. Each year schools taking the survey are held to a higher standard than the previous year via improved methodology, criteria and weightings developed with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Board (AAB) consisting of educators from schools across the country. A full list of board members can be found at www.militaryfriendlyschools.com/board.

A full story and detailed list of 2014 Military Friendly Schools ® will be highlighted in the annual *G.I. Jobs Guide to Military Friendly Schools* ® and distributed in print and digital format to hundreds of thousands of active and former military personnel in early October.

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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.