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**Ramapo to Present Truth Values: One Girl's Romp Through M.I.T.'s Math Maze  
on September 25**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – *Truth Values: One Girl's Romp Through M.I.T.'s Math Maze* will be presented on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Berrie Center's Sharp Theater. The critically acclaimed autobiographical solo show, directed by Miriam Eusebio, features writer/performer Gioia De Cari as she brings to life more than 30 characters in her story of studying in the male-dominated math field at M.I.T.

Created as a response to former Harvard President Lawrence Summer's now-infamous suggestion that women are less represented than men in the sciences because of innate gender differences, *Truth Values* is a true-life tale that offers a humorous, scathing, insightful, and ultimately, uplifting look at the challenges of being a professional woman in a male-dominated field.

While making the most of the comic absurdity of being the only woman in a spooky basement office, being asked to serve cookies at a seminar and retaliating with "fashion experiments," *Truth Values* is also a serious exploration of the world of elite mathematics and the role of women in math and science.

The original show premiered in August 2009 at the New York International Fringe Festival where it won Best Solo Show and has gone on to become a national hit, playing at over 30 venues including a sold out show at the La Jolla Playhouse Potiker Theater in 2011. De Cari developed the play in the studio of Wynn Handman, legendary for his work with monologists including John Leguizamo and Eric Bogosian. This sincere and entertaining production addresses misconceptions of gender and academia with honesty, wit and energy. Her deeply touching performance has earned raves from critics and stirred audiences to standing ovations.

Tickets are \$20 per person. To purchase tickets, call the Berrie Center Box Office at (201) 684-7844, or visit <http://www.ramapo.edu/berriecenter/september/> to order online.

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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 six graduate programs as well as articulated programs with Rutgers, The State University 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.