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Professors Jeremy Teigen and Professor James Hoch Honored with Henry Bischoff Award for Excellence in Teaching at Ramapo College of New Jersey

(MAHWAH, NJ) – On October 9, a reception was held in honor of Professors Jeremy Teigen and James Hoch, the 2013 recipients of the Henry Bischoff Award for Excellence in Teaching at Ramapo College of New Jersey. The reception was held in the Alumni Lounges with several colleagues and students in attendance. 2012 winners Professor Ed Petkus (ASB) and Professor Maya Poran (SSHS) presented the awards and lauded Professors Hoch and Teigen for their passion for teaching. Professor Hoch teaches Creative Writing and Professor Teigen teaches Political Science, both in the Salameno School of American and International Studies.

Teigen and Hoch accepted the honor by presenting a four-act play wherein they recounted various experiences from their years of teaching. Hoch stressed that the key to being a successful and effective teacher is loving what you do and always remaining in the present.

“When great teachers walk into the classroom, they do not want to be anywhere else,” Hoch said.

Teigen, a past recipient of the Fulbright scholar grant, assured the gathering that he and Hoch will continue to improve their teaching skills, and said, “We sort of see ourselves as flawed teachers who just try to scrape at getting better.”

The Bischoff Excellence in Teaching Award is given annually to Ramapo College professors who have displayed an exemplary passion and skill in teaching their subject matter. Further, it awards professors who leave a lasting impact on their students’ lives by stressing a focus on learning inside and outside of the classroom. Winners are selected by a committee of professors and college faculty through the Office of the Provost.

For a photo, click here:

<http://www.ramapo.edu/news/files/2013/10/Bischoff-Award-10.9.13-01.jpg>

(Cutline: Professor James Hoch, left, and Professor Jeremy Teigen, right. Photo by Carolyn Herring.)

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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.