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DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS AWARD HONOREES ANNOUNCED

Event Recognizes Outstanding Citizens

Timothy M. Finley, M.D., Broadcaster Don LaGreca, PHH Corporation CEO

Glen Messina and Sodexo Vice President Reza Rafizadeh

(MAHWAH, NJ) – The Ramapo College Foundation has announced the recipients of its 32nd Annual Distinguished Citizens Award. The honorees, chosen for their personal and professional commitment to advance higher education, and for their significant service to the community will be recognized at a gala dinner March 8 at the Rockleigh Country Club.

The honorees are Timothy M. Finley, M.D. of Rochelle Park, a 1994 graduate of Ramapo College who is an anesthesiologist at Holy Name Medical Center and serves on the Doctor's Counsel of Sending Our Love to Haiti and Ramapo College's Dean's Advisory Board for the School of Theoretical and Applied Science; Don LaGreca of Somerset, a 1992 graduate of Ramapo College who is a co-host of ESPN's "The Michael Kay Show" and "The 5th Quarter" and host of "Jets Gameday;" Glen Messina of Mt. Laurel, a 1985 graduate of Ramapo College who is president and CEO of PHH Corporation, a vehicle management services and mortgage company, and Reza Rafizadeh of Morristown, who is vice president of Operations for Campus Services for Sodexo, a food service and management company.

The annual benefit dinner raises funds for student scholarships, faculty and student research opportunities and campus capital projects. The dinner will be held Saturday, March 8 at the elegant Rockleigh Country Club in Rockleigh. A cocktail reception and silent auction begins at 6 p.m. The dinner program honoring the Distinguished Citizens begins at 8 p.m. Dinner and dancing will follow.

Dinner sponsorship levels are available. The cost for an individual ticket is \$400. For more information or to order tickets, please contact the Foundation office at 201.684.6834, visit www.ramapo.edu/dcd/ or e-mail lkloak@ramapo.edu.

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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 often viewed as a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary academic structure, its size of approximately 6,000 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 seven 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.