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AUTHOR CHARLES BAXTER TO SPEAK AT RAMAPO COLLEGE

(MAHWAH, NJ) Acclaimed fiction writer Charles Baxter will visit Ramapo College of New Jersey on October 20. He will give a craft talk on fiction at 1 p.m. and then read from one of his works at 4 p.m.

Baxter's *The Feast of Love* was a finalist for the National Book Award. He has also won the Cohen Award for best essay, the *Gettysburg Review* non-fiction prose award and the Lawrence Foundation award.

He has published five novels, five collections of short stories and three collections of poems. A Minneapolis native who received his graduate degree in English at the State University of New York at Buffalo, Baxter teaches at the University of Minnesota.

Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as sixth in the Best Regional Universities North category, 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 6,000 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 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.