

## **Economics Instruction Professional Development Hours for Teachers Hosted at Ramapo College**

**MAHWAH, NJ** – Experienced high school teachers are invited to earn 40 Professional Development Hours on the Ramapo College campus this summer while enhancing their skills and knowledge in teaching economics.

During the four-day Teach-the-Teachers Initiative (TTI), teachers develop an economics lesson plan to take back to their schools. The program is anticipated to be in high demand in school districts as economics is one of the four strands in the K-12 New Jersey Curriculum Standards. In addition to cumulative progress indicators for civics, geography and history, the integration of economic concepts into the teaching of world history, United States history and New Jersey history is required. At each level of social studies in grades K-12, the economic concepts are taught and assessed.

The TTI curriculum, developed by the American Institute for Economic Research (AIER), includes identification of alignments with:

- Common Core Curriculum (CCC) and Common Core State Standards (CCSS)
- Volunteer National Content Standards in Economics (CEE)
- NJ/NY State Standards (NJCCS/NYCCS)

AIER's Teach-the-Teachers Initiative provides high school teachers a step-by-step program for effectively delivering high-quality economics instruction. Teachers who field test their newly designed lesson plan in the classroom and provide feedback reports to AIER on their field-tested lesson receive a \$200 stipend from AIER.

The interactive program is designed for experienced high school teachers whose concentrations are in economics, business education, history, mathematics, English/language arts, social sciences and related fields. The interdisciplinary program explores key economic concepts including money and inflation, business cycles and government and unemployment.

AIER strives to empower people through economic research by helping to navigate today's complex economy and understand how it affects an individual's finances, family, community and the nation.

TMI Education is providing the 40 Professional Development Hours to participants. TMI Education is a comprehensive educational resource and professional development services provider serving the K-12, higher education learning community and international ministries of education.

Tuition for the professional development program is \$415 and includes breakfast and lunch each day. Overnight housing on the Ramapo College campus is available at no additional fee. Program dates are July 13-16, 2015, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The regular registration deadline is May 15. Thereafter, registrations are accepted as space permits.

To learn more, please visit the web site at [www.ramapo.edu/cipl/cipl/tti](http://www.ramapo.edu/cipl/cipl/tti) or contact the Ramapo College Center for Innovative and Professional Learning at 201-684-7370 or at [cipl@ramapo.edu](mailto:cipl@ramapo.edu).