

# Ramapo College Recognized as a Public College of Distinction

MAHWAH, N.J. -- Ramapo College was recognized as a Public College of Distinction in the organization's 2015 report.

*Colleges of Distinction* is a college guide that assesses state colleges and universities in several categories, including student engagement, faculty competencies, vibrant campus and community activities and successful outcomes. Other criteria for recognition include a wider course selection, innovative curricula, individualized attention in the classroom and affordability.

According to the report, colleges that are recognized are public schools that provide a "private college feeling." The report added: "Our Public Colleges of Distinction prove the traditional stereotypes of large universities wrong. All of our Public Colleges of Distinction feature smaller class sizes, enlist faculty that are more attentive to individual students and excel at getting students ready for the job market or graduate programs."

"We are proud to be recognized again this year," said Christopher Romano, vice president of enrollment management and student affairs. "It is a validation of the experience our students have at Ramapo College. Our faculty are dedicated teachers who are committed to mentoring, and our students work closely with them in and outside the classroom to enhance their learning and prepare for their future."

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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 eight 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.