

Ramapo College Retention Rates Exceed Expectations

MAHWAH, NJ -- Ramapo College has exceeded expectations in retention of first-year students, according to a report issued by www.eduventures.com

The report, which analyzed more than 1,100 institutions in the United States for the 2014-15 school year, compared predicted retention rates based on academics, affordability and social factors with actual retention rates.

Ramapo was listed as a “moderate over performer” based on its actual retention rate of 87 percent, exceeding its predicted rate of 83 percent.

“Retention is a key student success metric demonstrating an institution’s ability to deliver on its promise across all areas of the College,” said Christopher Romano, vice president of enrollment management and student affairs. “This has been a main strategic priority for us, and we are pleased to continue to see positive results.”

Now in its 45th year, Ramapo College welcomed its largest-ever freshman class last fall. The Class of 2018 includes 980 students.

As the premier liberal arts college in New Jersey, Ramapo offers undergraduate degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as professional studies which include nursing and social work. Ramapo boasts an average student/faculty ratio of 18:1 and average class size of 23 students.

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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.

