

## Ramapo College Student Veteran Honored

MAHWAH, N.J. -- May 15 was an extra special day for Richard Sensbach of Vernon. In an afternoon ceremony at the Bergen County Administration Building in Hackensack, Sensbach was among 11 military veterans honored during the annual Military Appreciation Month Ceremony. Later that evening, he received his degree during Ramapo College's 2015 Commencement ceremony at Prudential Center in Newark.

"All of this is really overwhelming," said Sensbach, a political science major with a minor in international business. "I'm so proud to be here, and I'm excited about [the commencement] ceremony. It's been a lot of work but definitely worth it."

Sensbach joined the United States Air Force upon graduation from Kinnelon High School in 2006. He was a member of security forces and was stationed domestically in North Dakota and Colorado before deploying to South Korea, Iraq and Afghanistan. He enrolled in Ramapo College in 2011. He is currently employed with Matrix Design Group Inc., in East Hanover, N.J., and is working in project management with fiber optics networking.

**Photo caption:** *Ramapo College graduate Richard Sensbach receives a medal of recognition from the Honorable John S. Hogan, Bergen County Clerk, during the Military Appreciation Month ceremony in Hackensack.*

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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.