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Ice Hockey Returns to Ramapo College After 31-Year Hiatus

MAHWAH, N.J. -- After a 31-year hiatus, Ramapo College is bringing back ice hockey. The Roadrunners Ice Hockey Club Team opens its 2015-16 season on Sunday, September 27 when Ramapo hosts New Jersey Institute of Technology at Sport-O-Rama in Monsey, N.Y. Face-off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Pre-game ceremonies will honor the alumni players in attendance and the Ramapo College Athletic Hall of Fame members from the original ice hockey program. The new program has received outstanding support from former players as well as alumni.

“The players from the original program ignited a passion for ice hockey at the College,” said Art Chill, General Manager. “For three decades, their camaraderie and loyalty have kept the spirit alive as players have returned from all over the country each spring to play in the annual alumni game. The new program has become a reality in large part because of their support and dedication.”

This self-sustaining intercollegiate ice hockey club team will be a Division III club program affiliated with the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) and USA Hockey and will be regionally affiliated with the Metropolitan Collegiate Hockey Conference (MCHC). The team will compete in a 22-to-24 intercollegiate game schedule. In addition to the MCHC schedule, non-conference Division III and Division II competition will be scheduled to maximize the number of games per season.

For more information, visit www.ramapoicehockey.com or contact Art Chill, General Manager of the Ramapo Ice Hockey Club, at achill@ramapo.edu

PHOTO CAPTION:

Matt Rose, acting president of the Ramapo Ice Hockey Club, left, and Russ Tricoli, assistant coach and assistant general manager

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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.