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More than 150 Attend Cyber Security Conference at Ramapo College

MAHWAH, N.J. – Ramapo College of New Jersey, in collaboration with America's Small Business Development Centers New Jersey, hosted a Cyber Security Conference on August 13. More than 150 participants representing area businesses attended the event. Vince Vicari, regional director of New Jersey Small Business Development Centers (NJSBDC), served as moderator.

Among the topics discussed were how small and medium businesses can adopt and adapt appropriate approaches to cybersecurity, and how to use tools and techniques to thwart cyberattacks without constraining business innovation and growth.

"Sadly, cyberattacks have become daily occurrences affecting businesses and individuals alike," said Lewis M. Chakrin, Dean, Anisfield School of Business at Ramapo College. "Thus, as educators, it is essential for us to help our students and business partners acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to protect themselves and their enterprises. Ramapo College is proud to partner with NJSBDC in this important effort."

Steve Gutkin, associate director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness, was the keynote speaker. Special guest speakers included: Jeff Barto, Trust Strategist, Symantec; David G. Munson, Global Director, Security Sales, Security Business Unit, IBM; Shiraz Saeed, Product Specialist, Cyber, AIG; and Matthew Barry Smith, president and CEO, Sec Lingua, Inc.

Ramapo College is the location for an affiliate office of the NJSBDC, which provides assistance to small business owners and entrepreneurs in New Jersey.

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[L-R]: Vincent Vicari, Regional Director, New Jersey Small Business Development Center at Bergen County; Alexander Newman, Homeland Security Strategist; Allen Gailles, Investigator Bergen County Consumer Affairs/Department of Public Safety; Denis Niland, Investigator Bergen County Consumer Affairs/Department of Public Safety; Peter P. Mercer, President, Ramapo College; Lewis Chakrin, Dean, Ramapo College Anisfield School of Business; Kenneth Martin, Investigator Bergen County Consumer Affairs/Department of Public Safety; Karen Norton, Assistant to the Dean, Ramapo College Anisfield School of Business; John Bentz, Investigator Bergen County Consumer Affairs/Department of Public Safety; Cathleen Davey, Executive Director Ramapo College

Foundation and Vice President of Institutional Advancement; Steven Mercer, Investigator Bergen County Consumer Affairs/Department of Public Safety; Kathleen Cronin, Outreach and Communications, Small Business Development Center at Bergen County.

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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.