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Ramapo College to Host Regional Undergraduate Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity Conference

MAHWAH, N.J. – Ramapo College of New Jersey will be the site for the 2015 Northeast Regional Undergraduate Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity Conference, sponsored by the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC). The two-day conference, hosted by the Ramapo College Office of the Provost, will take place on Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24.

The conference showcases the talent and collaborative spirit of students and guidance and support of the dedicated faculty at COPLAC campuses. Undergraduate research projects in a broad range of subjects highlight what students have learned in the classroom and demonstrate the applied knowledge, critical thinking and presentation skills they have developed through their work.

Students from the following colleges will participate:
Eastern Connecticut State University
Keene State College (New Hampshire)
Mansfield University of Pennsylvania
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Ramapo College of New Jersey
SUNY College at Geneseo
University of Maine at Farmington

An estimated 100 students and faculty are expected to attend the event.

COPLAC fosters the mission of public liberal arts colleges. Students at COPLAC institutions have the opportunity to present the results of their undergraduate research at regional conferences where they can meet and discuss their work with peers and faculty members. Undergraduate

research projects span the disciplines and afford students the prospect of intellectual engagement beyond the formal classroom setting.

For more information, contact the Ramapo College Office of the Provost at 201-684-7515.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as fifth in the Best Regional Public 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.