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Upward Bound Program at Ramapo College Celebrates 20 Years of Success

MAHWAH, N.J. – The Upward Bound Math-Science Program (UBMS) at Ramapo College of New Jersey, a federally-funded TRIO program for low-income high school students with the potential to be first-generation college attendees, recently celebrated 20 years of success with a gathering of faculty, staff and students who participated in the program.

The goal of UBMS is to help promising high school students from Paterson, New Jersey, prepare for and graduate from college with majors leading to science related careers. With its current grant, Ramapo will service at least 59 students per year through 2017.

Housed in the School of Theoretical and Applied Science at Ramapo College, UBMS features specially designed courses to assist students from their freshman year of high school through graduation. Since 1995, UBMS has served more than 500 students, and since 2008, 70 percent of program participants graduated from or currently attending college.

A major feature of UBMS is a six-week intensive summer academic program in which students take courses in laboratory science, math, computers, language arts and Latin. The academic year program provides tutoring, college visits, field trips and Saturday visits to campus where the participants work with Ramapo College faculty in chemistry and biology labs. Seniors are guided through the college application process, including filing for financial aid.

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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.