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Dr. Marc Lamont Hill to Give Keynote at Annual Diversity Convocation at Ramapo College on February 24

MAHWAH, N.J. -- Ramapo College of New jersey is pleased to welcome distinguished professor and noted political contributor Dr. Marc Lamont Hill as the keynote speaker for the annual Diversity Convocation to be held on Wednesday, February 24 at 3:30. Admission is free and open to the public.

Dr. Hill's lecture, "Building Community in an Hour of Chaos: Progress in the Age of Obama," offers a critical analysis of the current social and political moment. Dr. Hill spotlights the work that must be done to sustain the progress of the freedom struggle and provides concrete solutions and possibilities for healing our national, local and university communities.

Dr. Hill is a distinguished professor of African American Studies at Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, and is one of the leading intellectual voices in the country on Black life in America. He is the host of *HuffPost Live* and *BET News*, a political contributor for CNN and Fox News Channel and the former host of the nationally syndicated television show *Our World With Black Enterprise*. He has received numerous awards from the National Association of Black Journalists, GLAAD and the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences.

In 2011, Ebony Magazine named him one of America's most influential Black leaders.

The event is sponsored by the Diversity Action Committee and co-sponsored by the Schomburg Scholar Series.

For information, visit www.ramapo.edu/DAC-convocation

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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.