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Sustainability in Healthcare Settings the Topic of Lecture on January 27

MAHWAH, N.J. – “Healing Hospitals: Advancing Sustainability in Healthcare” is the topic of the lecture scheduled for Wednesday, January 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Friends Hall at Ramapo College.

The lecture is sponsored by the College’s Masters in Sustainability Studies Program and is being held in partnership with the BSN/MSM Nursing Programs. The event is free and open to the public.

The guest speaker is Ramapo alumnus Kyle Tafuri, Senior Sustainability Adviser at Hackensack University Medical Center. In his talk, Tafuri will discuss the challenges of establishing and achieving sustainable practices in a large healthcare setting. Tafuri and his “green team” have made impressive inroads at HUMC, including the changes in water conservation, medical waste education, recycling efforts and the creation of a sustainable rooftop garden. The team’s efforts have garnered several environmental excellence awards and helped establish the medical center as one of the top 25 “green” hospitals in the country.

For more information and for disability-related accommodations, contact Michael R. Edelstein, Professor, Environmental Studies Program and Masters of Sustainability Studies at Ramapo College, at medelste@ramapo.edu or 201-684-7745.

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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.

