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## **Readings at Ramapo Visiting Writers Series Welcomes Award-Winning Author Uzodinma Iweala**

MAHWAH, N.J. -- Award-winning author and noted physician Uzodinma Iweala will be at Ramapo College on Monday, February 29 as part of the Readings at Ramapo Visiting Writers Series. Iweala will discuss his works, including his 2005 novel, *Beasts of No Nation*, the harrowing story of a child soldier in a war-torn African country who is recruited into a unit of guerrilla fighters.

**The event is in the Trustees Pavilion at 7 p.m., and is free and open to the public.**

*Beasts of No Nation*, which was made into a feature film and premiered on Netflix in 2015, won numerous awards including the John Llewellyn Rhys Prize for Best First Novel, the American Academy of Arts and Letters Sue Kaufman Prize, among others, and was selected as a *New York Times* Notable Book.

Iweala was born in Washington, D.C., and attended Harvard University. He later graduated from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and is currently a fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University.

The Readings at Ramapo Visiting writers Series is funded by the Salameno School of Humanities and Global Studies and the Office of the Provost at Ramapo College.

For information on this event, email Professor Hugh Sheehy at [hsheehy@ramapo.edu](mailto:hsheehy@ramapo.edu)

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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.