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Ramapo's Student Government Association Plans Events for Higher Education Awareness

MAHWAH, N.J. – The Student Government Association (SGA) of Ramapo College has planned a series of events for Higher Education Awareness Week, including guest speakers, a debate forum and a voter registration drive. Highlighting the week's events is a visit on Wednesday, February 24 from New Jersey Senator Nellie Pou, who represents the 35th District.

Here is the schedule:

Monday, February 22, 1 to 2 p.m., Friends Hall

In conjunction with Governor Christie's State of the Budget Address earlier this month, a panel will discuss the implications of the address on Ramapo College. President Peter Mercer, Trustee A.J. Sabath, Vice President of Administration and Finance Kirsten DaSilva and Dr. Michael Klein, executive director of NJASCU will serve on the panel. A lunch will follow the discussion.

Tuesday, February 23, 6 to 8 p.m. in ASB-136

The SGA will moderate a debate between the College Democrats, College Republicans, Students for Liberty, and the Young Leftists and Progressives. Topics include the implementation of a statewide funding formula, free college education, voter turnout and more. Students are welcome to listen to the discussion and participate in a question and answer period. Food will be served.

Wednesday, February 24, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., ASB-136

The SGA and the Office of the President welcome New Jersey Senator Nellie Pou to campus. Senator Pou is the Vice Chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee and serves the 35th District of New Jersey.

Thursday, February 25, 1 to 2 p.m., Friends Hall

SGA President Alec Weissman will deliver the State of the Student Address, in which he will discuss the current issues, achievements and plans regarding student life at Ramapo. After the presentation,

Student Trustee Josef Weikl will discuss the state of higher education as it applies to Ramapo. Lunch will be served.

Friday, February 26, noon to 1 p.m., Student Center

Have you registered to vote? Join the SGA and the Black Student Union in the Student Center to register via TurboVote. Registration only takes a few minutes.

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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.