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## **Ramapo College of New Jersey Maintains Prestigious AACSB Business Accreditation**

MAHWAH, N.J. -- The Board of Trustees of AACSB International (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) has reaffirmed **its accreditation of the Anisfield School of Business at Ramapo College of New Jersey for an additional five year period (2016 – 2020)**. Founded in 1916, AACSB International is the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees in business and accounting.

AACSB Accreditation is the hallmark of excellence in business education, and has been earned by less than five percent of the world's business programs. Today, there are 755 business schools in 51 countries and territories that maintain AACSB Accreditation. Similarly, 182 institutions maintain an additional specialized AACSB Accreditation for their accounting programs.

“Ramapo College is committed to preparing its students for successful careers in the public and private sectors of an increasingly interdependent and multicultural world,” said Ramapo College President Peter P. Mercer. “We are proud of our dedicated faculty and staff that work to make the business programs worthy of AACSB accreditation.”

The Anisfield School of Business strives to provide its approximately 1,300 students with a strong educational foundation for a lifetime of learning and to fully prepare them for career success. As one of the largest schools within Ramapo College, the Business School embodies the College’s fundamental commitment to academic excellence, community involvement, interdisciplinary and experiential learning, and international and intercultural understanding.

“It takes a great deal of commitment and determination to earn and maintain AACSB Accreditation,” said Robert D. Reid, executive vice president and chief accreditation officer of AACSB International. “Business schools must not only meet specific standards of excellence, but their deans, faculty and professional staff must make a commitment to ongoing continuous improvement to ensure that the institution will continue to deliver the highest quality of education to students.”

“We are indeed proud to be recognized as a business school that lives up to the very high standards of overall quality required by AACSB,” said Dr. Lewis Chakrin, Dean of the Anisfield School of Business, “and we will never stop working to expand and evolve our programs to meet the needs of our students in a rapidly changing business environment.”

To learn more about **The Anisfield School of Business at Ramapo College** visit

<http://www.ramapo.edu/asb/> To learn more about AACSB International accreditation, visit the accreditation section of the AACSB International Web site at: <http://www.aacsb.edu/accreditation/>

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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.