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Ramapo College Hosts Outstanding Educators Awards

MAHWAH, N.J. – Ramapo College hosted the 2016 Outstanding Educators Awards Celebration and Breakfast, which was organized by *The Record* newspaper to recognize top high school educators in the area. Eight high school teachers, nominated by students at their schools, were honored at the event held in the College’s Trustees Pavilion on June 13.

Brian Chinni, Director, Master of Arts in Educational Leadership program and associate professor of Education/Educational Leadership at Ramapo College, offered the keynote address.

“Our public education system remains to be the foundation upon which our great nation is built,” said Chinni. “To be in the company of these eight exemplary teachers and their respective students has left me most confident that our foundation remains strong and, as such, our future very bright. I am so very proud to be a part of the Ramapo College community -- a community that takes great pride in the high quality programs it offers to optimally prepare both our teachers and educational leaders.”

Chinni also is the CEO and founder of The Madison Institute (TMI), a New Jersey-based educational consultative and professional development firm.

TMI and Ramapo College were co-sponsors of the inaugural event, which highlighted awardees in the following disciplines: Arts, Civics/History, Computer Technology, English, Math, Physical Education/Coaching, Science and Special Education/Resource Teaching.

Pictured, from left: Aaron Lorenz, Dean, School of Social Science and Human Services at Ramapo College; Patricia Molloy, Principle, Immaculate Heart Academy High School; awardee Linda Chelotti, Civics/History teacher, IHA; Sofia Ciprian, student, IHA; Patrice McDonough, head of Social Studies Dept., IHA; Brian Chinni , Director, Master of Arts in Educational Leadership program, Ramapo College.

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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 viewed as 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.