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First-Year Ramapo Student Earns Spot on Jeopardy! Semifinals

Show to air Thursday, November 17

MAHWAH, N.J. – Ramapo College first-year Biochemistry major and Literature minor, Emily LaMonica '20, will be competing in the semifinals of the Jeopardy! Teen Tournament on Thursday, November 17 at 7 p.m., airing on ABC-TV.

Emily, who learned she had made the Teen Tournament last winter and went to film the episodes back in April, has had to keep quiet all this time about the experience. “It wasn’t really too hard [to keep quiet], but people kept trying to get information,” says Emily. A high school student at the time at the Marine Academy of Science and Technology, the Sayreville, N.J., native was the oldest teen among the other contestants, with whom she has enjoyed staying in contact. “We still have a group chat going on!” says Emily. The contestants, who hail from schools across the country, stay in touch via social media and texting to chat about academics or current topics – plus, they’re able to talk to each other about the show when not being able to talk about it with others, Emily says.

For Emily’s first-round appearance in the Teen Tournament last week, she was able to watch the episode with friends and her boyfriend, also a Ramapo student, in one of the residence halls. Emily would not hint at the outcome of her Jeopardy! experience—she signed a contract with the show’s producers to keep the results a secret.

But she happily admitted that she is really enjoying her first year at Ramapo and is looking forward to pursuing a career in research for medicinal chemistry.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top 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.