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Ramapo College Named to Victory Media's 2017 Military Friendly® Schools List

MAHWAH, N.J. – Ramapo College of New Jersey has been designated a 2017 Military Friendly® School by Victory Media, the leader in successfully connecting the military and civilian worlds, and publisher of *G.I. Jobs®*, *STEM Jobs* and *Military Spouse*. Now in its eighth year, the original, premier Military Friendly® Schools designation provides service members and their families with transparent, data-driven ratings about post-military education and career opportunities.

Ramapo College has been recognized for the designation each year since 2014. The College recently opened a Transfer Center and Veterans Lounge on campus, which will be a hub of resources for transfer students and the College's veteran students. The Veterans Student Organization also serves as an excellent resource on campus.

Institutions competed for the elite Military Friendly® School title by completing a survey of more than 100 questions covering ten categories, including military support on campus, graduation and employment outcomes, and military spouse policies. Survey responses were scored against benchmarks across these key indicators of success.

The Military Friendly® Schools designation is awarded to the top colleges, universities, community colleges and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace military students, and to dedicate resources to ensure their success both in the classroom and after graduation. The methodology used for making the Military Friendly® Schools list has changed the student veteran landscape to one much more transparent, and has played a significant role over the past seven years in capturing and advancing best practices to support military students across the country.

For more information about Ramapo's commitment to attracting and supporting military students, visit www.ramapo.edu/vet

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 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.