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## **New Brunswick High School Counselor Recognized at Ramapo College Ceremony**

MAHWAH, N.J. – The Office of Admissions at Ramapo College of New Jersey recently named the recipient of the Nancy Jaeger Award for Excellence in Counseling at the annual College Counselor Luncheon held in Friends Hall.

Karen Simmons, a counselor with New Brunswick High School, was chosen for the 2016 award. She was selected from dozens of counselors who have “gone above and beyond to continually connect great students with Ramapo College,” said Director of Admissions Peter Rice.

“We are delighted and proud to honor a wonderful counselor like Karen. She is wonderful representative of Ramapo and a guiding light to the thousands of students she has counseled throughout her career,” Rice said.

Simmons also is a 1986 graduate of Ramapo College.

Ramapo Admissions Counselor Priyanka Singh is the College’s assigned representative to New Brunswick High School and visited the school earlier this year to meet with interested students.

“When I first spoke with Ms. Simmons, she proudly mentioned she was a fellow alumna of Ramapo College. She was extremely excited to have me meet with her students at New Brunswick High School and talk to them about opportunities they can take advantage of at Ramapo, just as she did during her time here as a student,” Singh said.

This is the third year Ramapo has bestowed the award, which was named for the College’s former Director of Admissions, who fostered close relationships with guidance counselors across the state over her nearly 40-year career at Ramapo College.

More than 100 counselors from high schools in New Jersey, New York and surrounding states joined Ramapo College students and staff from student-based offices for the luncheon.

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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.