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## **Ramapo College Foundation to Honor Four Individuals at Distinguished Citizens Dinner on March 4**

MAHWAH, N.J. --The Ramapo College Foundation will honor four individuals for their professional achievement, commitment and community service at its 35th Annual Distinguished Citizens Award Dinner. The honorees will be recognized at a gala on March 4 at the Rockleigh Country Club in Rockleigh, N.J.

**Trudy Hardy '91** is Vice President of Marketing for BMW of North America, LLC. She is responsible for directing all marketing communication activity and strategic product planning for the United States market for BMW. Trudy is a member of the Board of Governors and has served on the Motorcycle Committee. Trudy received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at Ramapo and attended Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management Executive program.

**Rich Henning** is Senior Vice President, Communications for SUEZ North America. In this position, he oversees all internal and external communication programs for the company's corporate office and its nationwide water and wastewater operations. Rich currently serves as Chair of the Hackensack University Medical Center Foundation Board. Rich graduated from Rutgers University.

**Thomas M. Hewitt, Sr. '75** is Vice President, Field Marketing for North New Jersey, TD Bank. In this position, he executes marketing initiatives to promote new retail and business accounts and supervises community relations donations to enhance business development. Tom serves on the Foundation's Business Partners committee, the Alumni Association Board of Directors and the SSHGH Alumni Advisory Board. Tom majored in History and Business Administration at Ramapo and received his M.B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Accounting and Finance.

**Ilija Pavlovic** is President and CEO, Special Properties Real Estate Services, LLC, which is an exclusive affiliate of Christie's International Real Estate. In the past year, Special Properties has

significantly expanded its presence, becoming the exclusive Christie's arm in more than 100 communities in northern New Jersey. In 2008, he purchased Crocker Mansion, a National Historic Registry property in Mahwah. Mr. Pavlovic holds both a Bachelor of Science in Economics and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Belgrade.

The annual benefit dinner raises funds for student scholarships, faculty and student research opportunities and campus capital projects. The dinner will be held Saturday, March 4 at the elegant Rockleigh Country Club in Rockleigh, N.J. A cocktail reception and silent auction begins at 6 p.m. The dinner program honoring the Distinguished Citizens begins at 8 p.m. Dinner and dancing will follow.

Dinner sponsorship levels are available. For tickets and reservations, please visit [www.ramapo.edu/dcd](http://www.ramapo.edu/dcd). For additional event information, contact Liz Kloak at [lkloak@ramapo.edu](mailto:lkloak@ramapo.edu) or 201-684-6834.

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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.