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New Art Portfolio Preparation Program Offered at Ramapo College this Summer

MAHWAH, N.J.—A new Art Portfolio Preparation program will be offered at Ramapo College of New Jersey this summer. Aspiring artists interested in beginning or expanding their art portfolios for art school and college admissions are invited to attend an Information Session led by the program instructor, Mr. William Kooistra. Information Sessions are scheduled Thursday, March 23, 5:30-6:15 p.m. and Sunday, May 21, 4-4:45 p.m. in BC-317. Pre-registration for the information sessions is requested at www.ramapo.edu/cipl/artportfolio.

Art Portfolio Prep 1: Meeting the Requirements is a basic foundational course meant to introduce the fundamentals of a general portfolio required by art schools and college art departments. Each day is devoted to a different requirement of the portfolio with the goal that each student complete at least five finished art works over the week to include in their portfolio. Students will execute developmental and comparative studies along with keeping a visual journal that will both explore ideas covered in the course as well as help students understand how to develop portfolio works in the future.

Art Portfolio Prep 2: Ideas, Process and Development explores three different aspects of the general portfolio in depth over a three-week period. Each week is focused on a particular theme. Assignments include extensive studies that allow students to build required skills as well as create various variations to help understand the creative process. Students also keep a visual journal where they explore their ideas including sketches, written entries and any other visual material that will help develop personal responses to the assignments. Students execute a variety of finished works to include in their portfolios that will emphasize different solutions to areas of focus. Students may attend one, two or all three weekly sessions allowing them to pick and choose either areas of interest or those they feel will help them develop stronger work for their portfolio.

Additional 2017 summer youth programs at Ramapo College for high school age students include Brazilian Percussion Camp, CompTIA A+ Computer Camp, Financial Literacy/Stock Market Trading Program, Game Design for Teens, Numerical Analysis Camp, Programming/Data Science Camp, Ramapo Explorers-Theater Camp, SAT Prep *Plus* College Immersion, and a 3-credit online Web Site Development pre-college course. For program dates or to sign up for an Information Session, contact the Ramapo College Center for Innovative and Professional Learning at (201) 684-7370 or visit www.ramapo.edu/ramapocamps.

The Ramapo College of New Jersey summer academic, art and theater programs for high school students are directed by the College's Center for Innovative and Professional Learning. The Center supports postgraduate professional education, workforce development, and alternative learning. The Center also engages in internal and external educational partnerships to advance the College, and provides innovative continuous learning opportunities for community members of all ages.

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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 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.