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## **New Brazilian Percussion Camp for High School Students Offered at Ramapo College**

MAHWAH, NJ—A new Brazilian Percussion Camp for high school students is being offered at Ramapo College this summer. Families are invited to an Information Session to meet with the camp instructor, Amarildo Santos Costa, a percussionist and music instructor from the City of Salvador in Bahia and Ramapo College's director of the Brazilian Percussion Ensemble. Upcoming Information Sessions led by Mr. Costa are scheduled on Thursday, March 23, 7-7:45 p.m. in BC-206 and Sunday, May 21, 5:30-6:15 p.m. in H-129.

The new Brazilian Percussion Camp is a high-energy class that explores the exciting polyrhythmic musical styles of Brazil through percussive instruments and call-and-response singing and movement. Students master several polyrhythmic pieces representing different musical genres and learn about the rich cultural background of these Brazilian musical traditions. The program is designed to strengthen students' confidence, improvisation and performance skills.

Additional summer 2017 camp programs at Ramapo College for high school age youth include Art Portfolio Preparation, 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](http://www.ramapo.edu/ramapocamps).

The Ramapo College of New Jersey summer academic 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.