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Enactus Team to Represent Ramapo College in National Competition

MAHWAH, N.J. – Ten students representing from Ramapo College Enactus (Entrepreneurial, Action, Us) recently participated in the Enactus United States Regional Competition in Washington, D.C., where they were named Regional Champions for their outstanding work with local organizations and positive impact on the community.

Ramapo's team, under the guidance of Assistant Professor of Management Tammi Redd, offered an in-depth audiovisual presentation on the projects Enactus members undertook this academic year. They included:

- Oasis, a Paterson, N.J.-based safe haven for women and children. The students began a sewing program to teach unemployed women a new skill, with a long-term goal of helping the women find jobs in the textile industry.
- New City Kids, an after school program for underserved school children in Paterson, N.J. Ramapo students created Food Science Day to help children learn about nutrition.
- Bergen County Horse Rescue, home to 22 horses in Mahwah, N.J. Ramapo worked to increase awareness of the rescue facility through a marketing plan and a fundraiser "Trot into Spring" event.
- Young Vision Africa, founded by a Ramapo international student from Sierra Leone, works to educate and empower individuals in the African nation. Ramapo students led a fundraising effort to help villagers in the cultivation and distribution of agricultural seed.
- Ramapo Readers, an organization on the College campus, dedicated to increasing literacy through book donations to local schools and community groups. Enactus helped in collection and distribution of donated books.

The regional win qualifies the Ramapo team for the Enactus United States National Competition, to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, in May. National winners are then eligible for the world competition later in the year.

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.