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Copenhagen Business Students Visit Ramapo College for Two-Week Study Abroad Experience

MAHWAH, N.J. -- The Anisfield School of Business at Ramapo College of New Jersey recently hosted 35 students and three faculty from the Copenhagen Business Academy, in Denmark, for a two-week study abroad experience. Ten ASB professors and several guest speakers volunteered their time to provide lectures and discussions on cultural issues in international business, U.S. economic history, U.S. financial and capital markets, real estate investment, and financial planning.

"The students from Copenhagen Business Academy were sharp, engaged, and full of good energy and spirit," said Ed Petkus, Dean of the Anisfield School of Business. "They asked insightful questions and embraced every learning experience that we produced for them."

The Copenhagen students visited the Federal Reserve Bank of N.Y., the New York Stock Exchange, Goldman Sachs, and the American Museum of Finance. They also attended workshops in the ASB Global Trading Lab, located on campus, and worked on group projects guided by their own faculty. They also sat in on ASB classes.

"This was such a pleasurable visit and very organized," said Helge Sorensen, Associate Business Professor at Copenhagen Business Academy. "It certainly gave our students a very good idea how education works in the United States, as well as campus life."

Sorensen's colleague Professor Thorkill Jessen added that the students learned a lot about Ramapo College but also gained a better understanding of cultural differences and business and teaching methodology.

"There was such energy and interest in the every presentation," Jessen said. "I have nothing but high praise for Ramapo's staff and faculty for a fantastic job."

The guests also had time for a break from the academics, Dean Petkus added. "We also took most of them for a hike in the Ramapo Reservation, which they loved because there are pretty much no mountains in Denmark," he said. 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.