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## **Ramapo College Ranked Among the Top in New Jersey**

MAHWAH, N.J. – Ramapo College of New Jersey has been named among the top in College Choice’s ranking of the 20 Best Colleges in New Jersey.

Ramapo is ranked #3, with Princeton University and Stevens Institute of Technology in the top two spots. More specifically, Ramapo ranks as #1 among nine of the public colleges in New Jersey.

“This ranking affirms the value of a public liberal arts education in today’s increasingly complex and competitive environment,” said Peter P. Mercer, president of Ramapo College. “Since my arrival here in 2005, I have heard Ramapo referred to as New Jersey’s best kept secret. The secret is finally out. Our dedicated faculty and staff mentor students through a high quality education at an affordable cost and our students thrive as a result.”

Berlyann Rivera, who serves as the student member on the College’s Board of Trustees, said “It is a tremendous point of pride for us to see Ramapo recognized among private elite institutions like Princeton University and Stevens. As a student and as a member of the College’s governing board, I can say first-hand and with confidence, that choosing Ramapo College for my undergraduate education has been one of the best decisions of my life.”

College Choice is a leading authority in college and university rankings and resources.  
<http://www.collegechoice.net/rankings/best-colleges-in-new-jersey/>

College Choice developed its list by assessing academic quality, institutional reputation, program accreditation, along with return on investment—the differential between tuition costs and average early career earnings. Data came from the National Center for Education Statistics, Payscale, and *U.S. News & World Report*.

Ramapo College is also listed in *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance Magazine* as among the “100 Best Values in Public Colleges” for 11 consecutive years and has been recognized as a Military Friendly School by *Victory Media*. Additionally, Ramapo is featured on

CollegesofDistinction.com for excellence in student-focused higher education and has received recognition in the *Washington Monthly* college guide and rankings.

College Choice is an independent online publication dedicated to helping students and their families find the right college. The site publishes rankings and reviews that make finding the best colleges for different interests easier and more fun, as well as resources to help students get into, pay for, and thrive at the college of their choice.

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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.