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## **Ramapo College Remembers September 11 Attacks**

MAHWAH, N.J. – Ramapo College students, staff and faculty gathered at the Arch to reflect on the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

Joseph Barbato, full-time student and president of the Veterans Student Organization (VSO) on campus, said, “The events of September 11 impacted all Americans. Sixteen years later, we remember.”

Ramapo President Peter P. Mercer invited all to observe a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m., the time of the first attack on the World Trade Center in New York City. Members of the College’s Student Government Association, VSO, First Responders, Leaders in Service and College staff placed an estimated 2,900 small flags in the campus Grove to represent each of the lives lost during the attacks.

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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.