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## **Nine Students Represent Ramapo College of New Jersey at Annual COPLAC Conference**

MAHWAH, N.J. -- Nine Ramapo College students presented at the Northeast Regional Undergraduate Research, Scholarly, and Creative Activity Conference of the Council of Public and Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) on October 13-14. The annual two-day conference was held at Mansfield University, Pennsylvania.

"Showcasing their research, scholarly interests, and artistic creativity, Ramapo College was excellently represented across the five schools by our students," said Ramapo College Vice Provost Emily A. Williams.

Students, who are juniors and seniors and did their research under the guidance of faculty mentors, presented their works in poster and oral presentation form. They are:

- **Paul Brennan** -- "Technology, Family, and Semiotics in *Videodrome*" (faculty mentor Todd Barnes)
- **Brianna Burkert** -- "Instagram Happiness: PDA and Relationships" (faculty mentor David C. Oh)
- **Lindsey J. Gray** -- "New Methods to Probe and Explore Magnetoelastic Properties of Amorphous Ferromagnetic Alloys" (faculty mentors Catalin Martin and Philip Anderson)
- **Jimmy Grissman** -- "The Politics of Sister Wives: Is Polygyny Misogynistic" (faculty mentor Rebecca Root)
- **Jerard Guevarra** -- "The Effectiveness of Snapchat and Instagram as Promotion Tools and Experimental Study" (faculty mentor Christine Chung)

- **Reeve Olivia Harden** -- “The Experience of Pain: The Impact of Personal Characteristics on Perceptions” (faculty mentor Nicholas Salter)
- **Sara Catherine Lichon** -- “Identity Crisis: How the Outcome of the Cold War Affects Our Understanding of the Crisis in the Ukraine” (faculty mentor Tae Kwak)
- **Thomas Morel** -- “Rank Up: An Autoethnography on Masculinity in Gaming Space” (faculty mentor David C. Oh)
- **Alissa Paulison** – “Identity Construction” and “Chaos and Connection” (faculty mentor Ann LePore)

Ramapo College is one of eight regional COPLAC participants in the Northeast. Students at COPLAC institutions have the opportunity to present the results of their undergraduate research at regional conferences where they can meet and discuss their work with peers and faculty members. COPLAC is dedicated to the advancement of high-quality, public liberal arts education in a student-centered residential environment.

*Pictured from left: Alissa Paulison, Paul Brennan, Briana Burkert, Sara Catherine Lichon, Lindsey J. Gray, Jerard Guevarra, Reeve Olivia Harden, Thomas Morel, Jimmy Grissman*

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Ramapo College of New Jersey is the state’s premier public liberal arts college. Ranked among the top colleges in the region by *College Choice* and recognized by, among others, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Princeton Review*, *Colleges of Distinction* and *Victory Media* as a “Military Friendly College,” Ramapo College is committed to academic excellence through interdisciplinary and experiential learning, and international and intercultural understanding.

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 business, education, nursing and social work. In addition, the College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels, and offers graduate programs leading to degrees in Accounting, Business Administration, Educational Technology, Educational Leadership, Nursing, Social Work and Special Education.