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Ramapo College, Passaic Schools Establish Partnership

MAHWAH, N.J. -- Ramapo College of New Jersey has entered into a partnership with Passaic Public Schools/Passaic High School (PPS/PHS), effective immediately.

The goal of the partnership is threefold: to strengthen the relationship between both faculty, who will work to develop advisory boards in areas such as curriculum development and new program development; to establish an opportunity for Passaic students to earn Ramapo College credits through specially designed coursework; and to participate in promotional and other recruitment events on the College campus for PPS/PHS programs.

"We are excited to work together with Ramapo College to develop opportunities for our students at Passaic High School," said Jeanette Torres-Gomez, Interim Principal, Passaic High School. "We know that Ramapo can offer wonderful academics as well as student supports to ensure our students' success. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial partnership."

"We are excited to formalize the partnership we have with Passaic High School. We have worked closely over the last year to strengthen the dialogue between our institutions and design ways to increase student success," said Christopher Romano, Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs. "This partnership is another step to further our mission of promoting diversity, inclusiveness, student engagement and community involvement. We look forward to the continued partnership."

Ramapo College has established partnerships with several school districts throughout New Jersey. The College is dedicated to providing students a strong foundation for a lifetime of achievement and is committed to academic excellence through interdisciplinary and experiential learning, and international and intercultural understanding. As the region's premier public liberal arts college, Ramapo College prepares students to be successful leaders for a changing world through its distinctive commitments to hands-on learning and faculty-student mentoring.

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.