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**RAMAPO COLLEGE WELCOMES SUSAN GAULDEN AS NEW VICE PROVOST**

MAHWAH, N.J. – Ramapo College of New Jersey announces the appointment of Susan Gaulden, Ph.D., to serve as the institution’s Vice Provost for Academic Programs effective July 1, 2019.

In making the announcement Provost Stefan Becker said, “Dr. Gaulden has an impressive track record in institutional planning and assessment. Her highly collaborative leadership style, commitment to our mission, and strategic thinking will help Ramapo College continue and further its vision to prepare students to be successful leaders for a changing world.”

As Vice Provost for Academic Programs at Ramapo, Gaulden will be responsible for a multitude of academic responsibilities including the coordination of assessment efforts, the Middle States reaccreditation process and the oversight of general education, online education, curriculum development and implementation, academic program reviews, academic policies and academic standards. In addition, the position supervises the directors of several centers and programs at Ramapo College.

Gaulden previously served as Professor of Mathematics and Executive Director of Institutional Planning & Assessment at Essex County College where she was the Accreditation Liaison Officer and successfully facilitated efforts to reaffirm the college’s Middle States Commission on Higher Education unsanctioned accreditation status. She also established and implemented college-wide training to fully support faculty in embracing assessment of student learning outcomes as well as the general education program.

Gaulden, who has also served as an academic advisor, recruiter and special lecturer at New Jersey Institute of Technology, holds a Ph.D. in Mathematical Sciences from NJIT and Rutgers University, and both a Master of Science and Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Stevens Institute of Technology.

“I am truly honored and thrilled to join the team at Ramapo. I am already very impressed with the College’s dedication to achieving superior academic standards while providing enriching, dynamic and inclusive experiences for all of its students. I look forward to working with my new Ramapo colleagues and to offering support and advocacy for the many initiatives I will be working on in my new position,” said Gaulden.

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Ramapo College of New Jersey is the state’s premier public liberal arts college and is committed to academic excellence through interdisciplinary and experiential learning, and international and intercultural understanding. The College is ranked #1 among New Jersey public institutions by College Choice, and is recognized as a top college by U.S. News & World Report, Kiplinger’s, Princeton Review and Money magazine, among others. Ramapo College is also distinguished as a Career Development College of Distinction by CollegesofDistinction.com, boasts the best campus housing in New Jersey on Niche.com, and is designated a “Military Friendly College” in Victoria Media’s Guide to Military Friendly Schools.

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 master’s degrees in Accounting, Business Administration, Educational Technology, Educational Leadership, Nursing, Social Work and Special Education.