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Reshma Saujani, Founder of Girls Who Code, to Give Keynote Address at 15th Annual Diversity Convocation

MAHWAH, N.J. — Ramapo College of New Jersey is pleased to welcome Reshma Saujani, Founder and CEO of Girls Who Code, as the keynote speaker for the 15th Annual Diversity Convocation scheduled for Wednesday, March 31 at noon. The event, sponsored by the Office of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Compliance, will be presented via WebEx. To register, please go to the Office of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Compliance website: www.ramapo.edu/affirmaction. The event is free and open to the public.

Girls Who Code is an international nonprofit organization working to close the gender gap in technology and change the image of what a computer programmer looks like and does. The organization has reached 500 million people and 300,000 girls in all 50 U.S. states, Canada, India, and the United Kingdom. Reshma is the author of the international bestseller *Brave, Not Perfect* and the New York Times bestseller *Girls Who Code: Learn to Code and Change the World.*

Reshma's TED talk, "Teach girls, bravery not perfection," has more than five million views and has sparked a worldwide conversation about how we're raising our girls. In 2010, Reshma surged onto the political scene as the first Indian American woman to run for U.S. Congress. She lives in New York City with her husband, Nihal, their sons, Shaan and Sai, and their bulldog, Stanley.

The event is sponsored by Ramapo College's Office of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Compliance, whose mission is to ensure the community celebrates diversity and to create a favorable campus climate for all through programs and peer education.

For questions or concerns, email diversity@ramapo.edu

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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, has been named one of the 50 Most Beautiful College Campuses in America by *CondeNast Traveler*, 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, data science, 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, Creative Music Technology, Data Science, Educational Technology, Educational Leadership, Nursing, Social Work and Special Education, as well as a post-master's Doctor of Nursing Practice.