Ramapo College of New Jersey

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## Ramapo College of New Jersey Commits To 100% Student Voter Registration and Participation

President Cindy Jebb Signed on to ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge's Higher Education President's Commitment

(MAHWAH, NJ) Ramapo College of New Jersey has joined more than 300 colleges and universities in committing to full student voter registration and participation in all elections through the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge (ALL IN). To support full student voter participation of all eligible students, ALL IN and its Higher Education Presidents Council has launched a call to action for higher education presidents and chancellors to fully engage their campuses and students in electoral participation. A full list of signatories can be found <u>here</u>.

"Ramapo students lead boldly in many ways. The high regard in which they hold the right, privilege, and responsibility to vote is inspiring and reflects our mission to develop ethical and civic leaders," said Ramapo College President Cindy Jebb.

During the 2020 presidential election, more than 77% of the Ramapo College student body voted, which is more than 11% above the national average on campuses, earning <u>the gold award from ALL IN</u> <u>Challenge</u> for the second year in a row.

"Today, young people are truly seeing how the decisions their elected officials make impact their everyday lives, and in this critical time, ensuring that they are able to make their voices heard safely is critical," said Jennifer Domagal-Goldman, executive director of the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge. "We are excited to partner with higher education leaders across the country to change the culture at colleges and universities around engagement in our country's political process. We are calling on all college presidents to make this commitment to their students, campuses and communities."

By signing the pledge, Ramapo College committed to ensuring all eligible students are able to register to vote and cast informed ballots in the general elections and beyond. Further, they committed to fostering campus cultures that support nonpartisan student civic learning, political engagement and student voter participation, spearheaded on campus by the <u>Civic and Community Engagement Center</u>.

The <u>ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge</u> is a nonpartisan, national initiative of the 501c3 Civic Nation, recognizing and supporting campuses as they work to increase nonpartisan democratic engagement and full student voter participation. The Challenge encourages higher education institutions

to help students form the habits of active and informed citizenship, and make democratic participation a core value on their campus.

More than 800 campuses, enrolling more than 9.2 million students, have joined ALL IN since its launch in summer 2016.

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## About Ramapo College

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 comprehensive college is situated among the beautiful Ramapo Mountains, is within commuting distance to New York City, was named one of the 50 Most Beautiful College Campuses in America by *CondeNast Traveler*, and boasts the best on-campus housing in New Jersey per Niche.com.

Ramapo College provides its students with individualized attention, mentorship, and supports; hands-on learning; and a range of opportunities for service and leadership development. Its graduation and retention rates exceed national averages and it places approximately 1,000 students per year in internships in New York City. The College is ranked #1 among New Jersey public institutions by *College Choice*; is recognized as the state's top college on the list of Best Disability Schools by *Great Value Colleges*; is designated a "Military Friendly College" in Victoria Media's *Guide to Military Friendly Schools*; and is recognized as a top college by *U.S. News & World Report, Kiplinger's, Princeton Review* and *Money* magazine, among others.

Ramapo College's over 40,000 alumni are the confident, intellectually curious, self-aware, and humble people who are highly sought after and who make a positive impact at local, national, and global levels. Ramapo College is distinguished as a Career Development College of Distinction by CollegesofDistinction.com. Every student at Ramapo is enrolled in its unique and award winning Pathways Program which equips and empowers students, across the continuum of their academic career, to secure internships, pursue graduate/professional school, and/or enter the job market.

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, Applied Mathematics, Business Administration, Contemporary Instructional Design, Computer Science, Creative Music Technology, Data Science, Educational Leadership, Nursing, Social Work and Special Education, as well as a Doctor of Nursing Practice.