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## **Ramapo College's Berrie Center Receives Grants for Arts Programming**

MAHWAH, N.J. – The [Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts](#) at Ramapo College of New Jersey received two grants to continue its work with local students as well as bringing arts programming to the northern New Jersey community.

The New Jersey State Council on the Arts awarded the Berrie Center a grant of \$56,900, part of the state-wide grants appropriation to support more than 700 arts organizations, projects and artists throughout New Jersey.

"It has been an honor to witness the ongoing dedication and boundless creativity of our state's arts sector," said Secretary of State Tahesha Way. "I am proud to work closely with the State Arts Council as they grow and innovate, finding new ways to best serve the artists, arts workers, and organizations that continue to engage and inspire communities throughout the state."

The Berrie Center also received a grant of \$11,670 for its on-going partnership with P.S. 28 in Paterson. This Arts Education Special Initiative grant will create direct encounters between each student at P.S. 28 and professional performing artists. "The project will support the learning goals of the art curriculum at P.S. 28, and provide opportunities for the P.S. 28 students to engage with artists from different cultural backgrounds," said Lisa Campbell, Director of the Berrie Center. "The students will have direct engagement with the artists, and explore how an education in the arts can lead to careers."

“Needless to say, the Berrie Center and Ramapo College are honored by the trust instilled in us from the Council,” Campbell said. “These grants will help us to continue our mission to bring the arts to a wider audience and build opportunities for enriching engagement in the creative processes.”

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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; is recognized as the state’s top college on the list of Best Disability Schools by *Great Value Colleges*; was 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, 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.