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“Ramapo Day at Bergen” Establishes Next Generation of Partnership for Ramapo College and Bergen Community College

MAHWAH, N.J. – Ramapo College of New Jersey and Bergen Community College established “Ramapo Day at Bergen” and strengthened their commitment to provide academic opportunities that meet the needs of today’s students. Ramapo@BCC will be established at Bergen’s Lyndhurst campus, and the presence of a Ramapo advisor dedicated to assisting Bergen students will be increased at the Paramus campus.

Ramapo College President Cindy Jebb and Bergen Community College President Eric Friedman signed the memorandum of understanding on Bergen’s Paramus campus during “Ramapo Day at Bergen” in the presence of leaders from both institutions. Working teams from both institutions will design and operationalize the vision for a more cohesive and integrated Ramapo@BCC experience. "This partnership continues to strengthen because our two institutions remain committed to building a sustainable, entrepreneurial, and trusted relationship in order to do all that we can for New Jersey's residents, communities, and employers," said Jebb.

The schools have had a partnership for more than 10 years and continue to envision how to deliver education in an ever-changing world. Ramapo@BCC builds on the opportunity to focus on advancing social mobility and economic and workforce development in Bergen County. Programming will include undergraduate degree completion as well as partnerships with business and industry to provide certificate programs and workforce development. "Our two institutions share a commitment to student access, success and affordability. We look forward to serving the needs of Bergen County residents to attain the credentials and degrees they need in today's ever changing marketplace," shared Christopher Romano, vice president of strategic enrollment, outreach, and engagement at Ramapo College.

A resource fair, offered by the RCNJ Office of Admissions, was also part of Ramapo Day at Bergen. BCC students were able to connect with Ramapo admissions representatives and learn more about transfer opportunities, majors, and schedule appointments with an onsite academic advisor. Visit ramapo.edu to learn more.

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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 *CondéNast Traveler*, and boasts the best on-campus housing in New Jersey per Niche.com. 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.

ABOUT BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Based in Paramus, Bergen Community College (www.bergen.edu), a public two-year coeducational college, enrolls more than 13,000 students at locations in Paramus, the Philip Ciarco Jr. Learning Center in Hackensack and Bergen Community College at the Meadowlands in Lyndhurst. The College offers associate degree, certificate and continuing education programs in a variety of fields. More students graduate from Bergen than any other community college in the state.