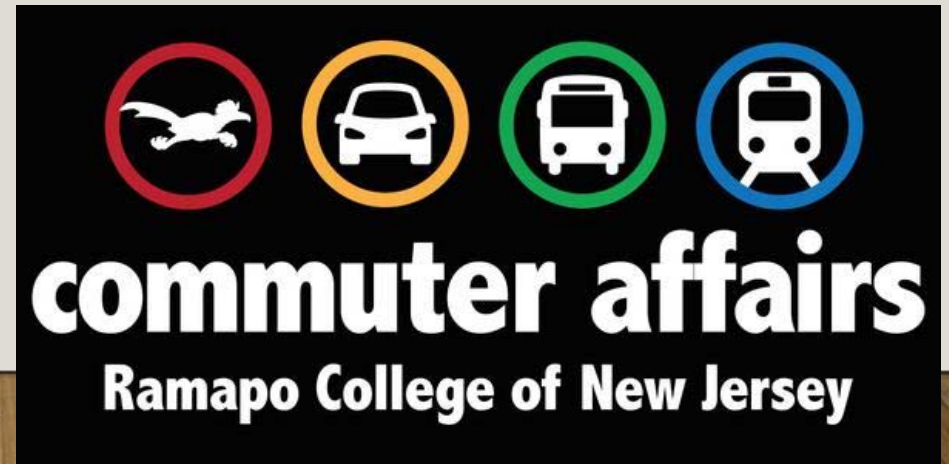


ON THE ROAD TO COMMUTER SUCCESS AT RAMAPO COLLEGE

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SUMMER 2019 ORIENTATION



COMMUTER PROGRAM & RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Commuter Mentor Program- Established in 2016
- Commuter Appreciation Week- Hosted in April to remind commuters how important they are to this campus.
- Approximately 3,000 (~50%) commuter students attend Ramapo College.

COMMUTER STUDENT MENTOR PROGRAM

- Program Growth:
 - 2016- 28 program participants and 14 Commuter Mentors.
 - 2017- 40 program participants and 20 Commuter Mentors
 - 2018- 50 program participants and 28 Commuter Mentors
- Mentees are placed with an experienced Commuter Student Mentor to help them as a resource and learn the ropes at Ramapo.
- Mentors have at least one year of commuting experience to provide your student with the ins and outs of commuter life at Ramapo College.
- If your student is interested in signing up for a Commuter Student Mentor, please have them email Michael MacStudy at mmacstud@ramapo.edu.

PREVIOUSLY CONDUCTED EVENTS

- Ice Cream Social
- Commuter Mentor Luncheon
- Commuter Breakfast
- Commuter Focus Group
- Commuter Appreciation Week
- Lunch & Learn Series
- Trunk or Treat
- Stressbuster Series

HOW WILL YOUR STUDENT COMMUTE?

- Car?
- Train?
- Bus?
- Other?
- **ALERT ME NOW:** Cell based text & voice messaging for emergencies on campus; includes weather related delays and closures.

IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME...

- J. Lee's Grand Reopening occurred in Fall of 2016.
- With an area unofficially designated as the commuter lounge, the students feel valued and that they belong here on campus with a place to call their own.



J. LEE'S - THE UNOFFICIAL COMMUTER LOUNGE

- Located on the 2nd Floor of the Student Center.
- There is plenty of space available to study between classes, FREE POPCORN and even a refrigerator to store food.
- Features:
 - Ping-Pong
 - Pool
 - Free Video Game Usage

COMMUTER OVERNIGHT ROOM...

- **Commuter Overnight Housing Program**
 - Opportunity for students to stay campus for:
 - Late Night Programming
 - Late Night Studying
 - Inclement Weather
 - Cost: \$30 charged to student's account
 - Students can stay up to two nights in a row, four total in a semester.



COMMUTER TIPS

- Make Friends on Campus
- Time Management
- Resources & opportunities are for all students
- Get involved! (Commuter Student Mentor Program)
- Meet with an advisor or professor

GET INVOLVED...CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS



STUDENT INVOLVEMENT FAIR

- Wednesday, September 4th, 2019
- The Grove (Next to the Arch)
 - 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- This event will host over 100 clubs and organizations across campus and will provide the opportunity for students to meet like minded individuals and get involved.
- Rain Date: Wednesday, September 11th, 2019

ENGAGED STUDENTS...

- Have higher GPAs than students who are not involved.
- Have higher expectations for themselves.
- Are organized and disciplined - “Time management is the main problem of almost all students who fail at college.”
- Are more satisfied with their college experience – the more outside the classroom activities your students do the more satisfied they will be with their experience, but don't overdo it!

Ramapo College Undergraduates (5,609 students)	Fraternity and Sorority Community (455 students)
All Undergraduate Semester GPA: 2.86	All Greek Semester GPA: 3.17
All Women's Semester GPA: 2.93	All Greek Women's Semester GPA: 3.25
All Men's Semester GPA: 2.77	All Greek Men's Semester GPA: 3.40

CENTER FOR STUDENT INVOLVEMENT (CSI)

- Located on the 2nd Floor of the Student Center
- Home of 120+ clubs and organizations
- Under the CSI Umbrella
 - Office for Fraternity and Sorority Life (OFSL)
 - Civic & Community Engagement Center (CCEC)
 - Women's Center
 - Equity and Diversity
- Oktoberfest: October 19th
- Run With Color: October 20th

OFFICE OF FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE

- Joining a fraternity or sorority can provide your student with the opportunity to join a network of students on campus involved in philanthropy, fundraising, academic excellence and brother/sisterhood.
- Many commuters are involved in Greek Life and have the ability to balance the commute, their academic responsibilities, and their duties as fraternity men and sorority women.
- For more information on Greek Life at Ramapo, please feel free to reach out to Amanda Riehl, Coordinator of Fraternity and Sorority Life at ariehl@ramapo.edu
- Meet the Greeks: Sept. 12th

CIVIC & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER

- The CCEC provides a variety of student leadership, community service and civic engagement opportunities for the Ramapo College Community.
- Leaders In Service- Deadline is Friday, July 5th
 - Allows your student to move in early, get to know other students and participate in Service Learning.
 - Contact Jack Nesmith at jnesmith@ramapo.edu for any further details.
- Changebuilders Program
 - Looks to engage students in long term service projects.
 - Reach out to Antonio Navazio at changebuilders@ramapo.edu for more details.

WOMEN'S CENTER

- Main space for Social Justice initiatives on campus.
- Queer Peer Services
 - Advocates for the LGBTQ+ and allied students, faculty and staff.
 - Provides outlets for students within those communities to feel safe and connected to the campus.
- PrideFest: October 16th
- Gender Bender: October 31st

EQUITY & DIVERSITY

- Ensures the campus community celebrates diversity and creates a favorable campus climate for all, through programs and peer education.
- Heritage Months
 - These months highlight different cultures from around the world that are present on the campus of Ramapo College.
 - Equity & Diversity creates specific events for the communities these heritage months are representing. Whether it is music, dance or a speaker from that particular population, E & D has a full schedule of events to enhance and celebrate inclusion on campus.
- Diversity Day: October 2nd

ROADRUNNER CENTRAL

- Located on the 2nd Floor of the Student Center (across from the bookstore), Roadrunner Central is your students' source for discounted movie tickets, discounted bus trips and much more.
- Upcoming Bus Trips:
 - Dear Evan Hanson
 - To Kill A Mockingbird
 - Prom

COLLEGE PROGRAMMING BOARD (CPB)

- The College Programming Board provides alcohol-free night and weekend programming on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.
- This club is responsible for hosting the Spring Concert, Fall Comedy Show or Concert and other exciting, engaging events throughout the semester.
- Any time events are occurring on campus, they will be posted to social media!
 - Facebook: CPB Ramapo
 - Twitter: @CPBRamapo
 - Instagram: cpbramapo



ADVERTISING

- Social Media
 - Twitter: @RCNJCommuters
 - Instagram: rcnjcommuters
 - Facebook: Ramapo Commuters
- Daily Digest
- CSI “In The Loop”
- OrgSync Messaging
- CSI Social Media
 - Twitter: @Ramapo_CSI
 - Instagram: ramapo_csi
 - Facebook: Ramapo CSI
- Posters

QUESTIONS?

