

Commuting With Success: Involvement For Your RCNJ Roadrunner

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disponible en español.**



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sitio web.**

Presentation Overview

Commuting 101

- Introduction to Commuter Affairs
- Commuting options and information
- Connecting to Ramapo

Leadership opportunities and commuter programing

J.Lee's

Q & A



What is Commuter Affairs?

Commuter Affairs is a program committed to academically and socially connecting commuter students to the Ramapo College Community by providing services and programs that will identify and meet the needs of our commuter student population.



Meet The Commuter Affairs Team



Jack Nesmith

Coordinator of
Student Activities



Kya McDonald

Commuter Affairs
Student Manager



Amerie Ramos

Commuter Affairs Student
Social Media Coordinator

Campus Parking Information

How to apply for parking?

- Students can select parking by accessing their web-self service portal and pay for parking access.
- Once paid, your parking pass should arrive in the mail by mid August
- Information will be provided this summer for the Public Safety website about parking payments for all commuter students.

Where to park on campus?

- Commuter students are encouraged to park in the Commuter lots (B-lot)
- General parking is also allowed in lot D for all Ramapo students

Campus Parking Information

Parking Permits

- Once you pay and apply for parking, you will get a temporary parking pass for your dashboard
- Must be displayed while parking on campus as a commuter student
- You can register up to two cars per student for your parking permit.
- The pass will be mailed to your home within 7 to 10 business days.
- If you don't receive your parking pass in 14 business days, contact parking@ramapo.edu

RCNJ Off Campus Shuttle

- The RCNJ shuttle runs daily for the Fall & Spring semesters with a train express shuttle and a local shuttle.
- You can access the RCNJ shuttle schedule on the CSI Transportation website that will have times to pick ups and drop offs for the Fall 2026 semester.
- The shuttle is free for all students and guests to use located at the Bradley Center



Ramsey Route 17 & Garden State Plaza

Ramsey Route 17 Station

- Travel to local areas in NJ & connections to NYC via Secaucus Junction & Hoboken Terminal
- Express train shuttle pick up & drop offs to Ramapo

Garden State Plaza

- Local pick up & drop off times
- Shopping center, movie theater, & more
- Weekday & Weekend options for students to use

NJ Student Pass Information

Student Pass — Unlimited Monthly Travel

NJ TRANSIT has expanded its Student Pass fare option to include eligible part-time students. In addition to full-time students, part-time degree seeking students taking at least two courses will also be eligible for the Student Pass fare.

As a full-time or part-time degree-seeking student, you can save an extra 25% on your NJ TRANSIT Monthly Pass when your school participates in our University Partnership Program.

NJ Student Pass Information

How to Sign Up for Student Pass:

Log onto your school website

Search for “Student Pass” or NJ TRANSIT to find the registration web page

Follow the steps on screen to complete the registration and verify your student email address

Then download the NJ TRANSIT Mobile App and enter your Student Pass login information

You can find out more information at the NJ Transit pass student link:

<https://www.njtransit.com/studentpass>

J. Lee's

Known as the unofficial commuter lounge open to all students to use & hangout.

J. Lee's Hours of Operation (2026-2027)

Mondays- Thursdays 9am-11pm

Fridays 9am-9pm

(Special Friday's Extended Hours 9pm-1am)

Sunday 1pm-6pm



J. Lee's

Student events hosted during the week

Microwave & Fridge for all RCNJ members to use

Video games (PS5, Nintendo Switch, Wii, Xbox, & more)

Pool Table

Ping Pong Table

Card games

Great place to study, make friends, & enjoy free popcorn



Commuter Programming

4-5 Programs per month for the Fall & Spring semesters

- Commuter Breakfasts
- Commuter Focus Groups
- Lunch & Learns

Trunk Or Treat

RCNJ Co-Sponsorships



Commuter Appreciation Week

Commuter Appreciation Week 2027 (save the date)

March 29th, 2027-April 2nd, 2027

Highlight events

- Empanada Day
- Commuter Appreciation Day!
- Commuter Pickups

Record number of attendance during the 2025 Commuter Appreciation Week for all events

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Ramapo College of New Jersey

COMMUTER APPRECIATION WEEK
EVENTS SCHEDULE

MON, MARCH 30 - FRI, APRIL 3

30 Commuter Pickups
MON 10 - 11:30 a.m. | Parking Lots B & C

31 Commuter Breakfast
TUE 9 - 10:30 a.m. | Berrie Center Lawn

01 Commuter Grab & Go
WED 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | CSI Main Office, SC-202

02 Empanada Day
THU 1 - 2 p.m. | Friends Hall, SC-219

03 Iced Coffee Bar
FRI 1 - 2 p.m. | J Lee's, SC-226

For more information
Scan the QR code
Questions? Email
commuters@ramapo.edu

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Commuter Mentor Program

First-year commuter students will be matched with a student who is or has commuted for at least a year

Your incoming commuter RCNJ Roadrunner can apply to be a Commuter Mentee on our Archway Page. You can scan the application at the following QR Code listed on the screen.

If you have any questions about this program, you can email me at jnesmith@ramapo.edu



*Application for the 2026
Commuter Mentee
Program*

Commuter & Transfer BBQ

*Tuesday, 8/11/26- Commuter & Transfer Student BBQ,
Grove 12 pm - 2 pm*

Amazing kick off event for the Fall 2026 semester
before the school year students

- Great way to connect with other incoming commuter students
- Food, refreshments, & games will be provided
- Commuter Mentors will be at this event to meet Mentees & other Commuter students
- **Students are must to RSVP at the Archway link by Friday, August 7th**



QR Code to RSVP for
the Commuter BBQ
on Archway

Commuter Connections

Commuters Connections is a monthly newsletter that is emailed to all commuter students.

Each issue highlights current programs, events, & information for commuter students during that month to be aware of for the month.

This includes any information about transportation, leadership opportunities, and core programs for all RCNJ Commuters



Commuter & Campus Information

- First-year students are permitted to have vehicles on campus
- Bathrooms are within suite/apartment; no communal bathrooms
- Ranked the #1 "dorms" in NJ for the 9th consecutive year and #16 nationally for 2026
- If interested in living on campus please contact Admissions at admissions@ramapo.edu
- Orientation day tours of residence halls are 3:30pm-4:30pm

Questions?