



Friends Edition | News from Ramapo College & the Foundation



A Word From Your Board

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the December edition of Arch Connections! It is hard to believe that the Fall academic semester is quickly drawing to a close.

On November 17, the Friends of Ramapo sponsored “*A Dickens Holiday in the York - a celebration of the Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol.*” It was a very successful event featuring music performed by CantanNOVA and Skylark under the direction of Dr. Lisa Lutter. Members of the Friends Board, dressed in Victorian-era costumes, participated as readers of “*A Christmas Carol.*” A wonderful team effort by all to start off the holiday season on a fun and festive note with all monies raised going to the Friends’ three scholarships.

Friends of Ramapo Board Members:

Kathleen Cronin

Kathleen has been a member of the Friends of Ramapo for three years and has served on the Board these last two years. For Kathleen, the best part of being a Friend is *"Helping to establish multiple levels of support and connection development for the college."*

***Janet May***

Janet has been a member of the Friends of Ramapo since 2020, and has been a Board Member since 2022. For Janet, what she enjoys most about her involvement with the Friends is *"The opportunity to be part of a college learning environment, where one can witness the evolution of bright young minds into future leaders."*

***Audrey Newman***

Audrey has been a member of the Friends of Ramapo and served on the Board for 14 years. Audrey has contributed in numerous roles on the Board, including as Past President, Nominating Chair and Friends Representative on the Learning Commons Campaign Cabinet. Audrey believes the best part of being a Friend is *"The interaction with administration, faculty and*



The Friends of Ramapo are well supported by members of the Ramapo Foundation Constituent Relations, who serve on the Board in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity.

***Peter Rice,
Senior Director of
Constituent Relations***

Peter has been in his current position for 5 years and in this role helps to provide support and guidance to the Friends of Ramapo Board and the full Friends organization, serving as the main liaison with the College. For Peter, the best part of working with the Friends is *"the people. They truly are Friends in every sense of the word; generous, supportive and vibrant, a pleasure to work with."*



***Ariana Rivera,
Coordinator of Alumni &
Constituent Relations***

Ariana joined Ramapo in May 2023 and among her responsibilities works closely with Peter in providing support to the Friends of Ramapo Board and Friends organization. What Ariana likes about working with the Friends is *"the positivity and passion that radiate through the wonderful people I get to work with."*



Save the Date - please make note of several upcoming events that you may find of interest, specifically:

Membership Open House - The Friends are hosting an Open House for new, returning and potential members on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 11:00 am -

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Date for Auditing Registration - Speaking of auditing classes, the date to register for the Spring semester is Tuesday, January 28, 2025. For additional information, please visit [the website](#).

To learn more about other Friends events and activities, please visit [our website](#). In addition, if you have any specific questions or comments for the Board, please feel free to contact us at alumni@ramapo.edu.

On behalf of your Friends of Ramapo Board, I want to extend the warmest of wishes to you and your families for a wonderful holiday season and all the best in 2025. I look forward to hearing from you and/or seeing you on campus.

Sincerely,

Peggy Capomaggi
President of Friends of Ramapo

News & Updates



Vital Signs Strong: 100% NCLEX Pass Rate for Ramapo College Nursing Grads

Nursing students in the Ramapo College Class of 2024 all passed the



National Accolades for the Certificate in Spanish for Healthcare and Human Services

The National Humanities Alliance selected Ramapo College as one of

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on their first attempt. This is the second year in a row RCNJ nursing graduates attained a 100% pass rate. [Click here for the full story.](#)



'Sweethearts' movie streaming Thanksgiving on Max filmed some scenes on Ramapo's campus

Scenes in the newest 'Sweethearts movie' on Max may look familiar as some scenes were filmed on Ramapo College's very own campus! How many locations can you pinpoint? [Click here for more on the movie and for the trailer.](#)

the Liberal Arts Through Integrative Curricula for the Certificate in Spanish for Health Care and Human Services. [Click here for the full story.](#)



Ramapo College Investigative Genetic Genealogy Leads to Arrest in 50-year-old Wisconsin Cold Case

The work of the Ramapo College Investigative Genetic Genealogy Center (IGG) led to an arrest in the 1974 murder of a Wisconsin hitchhiker. [Click here for the full story.](#)

Upcoming Events

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Bradley Center Game Room at Ramapo College of New Jersey

Come learn more about the Friends of Ramapo and specifically how to take advantage of the wonderful opportunity to audit Ramapo Classes.

RSVP for the Membership Open House



Class Audit Registration

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

York Room, Ramapo College of New Jersey

Friends PLUS members are invited to join us in-person for registration. Virtual registration will still be offered as well. Appointment times to attend in-person will be available in the new year. Please submit [your form](#) by Friday, January 24th. For the full instructions, [click here](#) and if you have any questions, please reach out to alumni@ramapo.edu.

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March 1st and May 3rd at 6:30pm in the Berrie Center

The 2024-2025 season is upon us! Join us for one or more of the performing arts dinners. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. with curtain at 8:00 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets, please click [here](#).



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