

## Ramapo Introduces Alcohol Training Program for Residents in Wet Housing



Students who are eligible for, and wish to live in, alcohol-allowed housing during the 2011-2012 academic year must now complete a Training for Intervention Procedures program (TIPS), as developed by the [Office of Student Affairs](#) and the [Center for Health and Counseling Services](#).

The program was developed in an effort to promote a healthier environment, empower and educate students who are of a legal age to drink, and reduce the negative effects of alcohol abuse and misuse.

TIPS is a two-hour training program that provides students with specific information on detecting when someone has had too much to drink and the necessary skills to intervene. There are three components to the TIPS curriculum: information about how alcohol affects the body and legal liabilities associated with the consumption of alcohol; skills training to recognize signs of intoxication and prevent alcohol misuse; and a practice session to build confidence for using these skills.

Students placed in alcohol-allowed housing for Fall 2011 and beyond will not be permitted to possess, consume, or serve alcohol in their residence until they have successfully completed TIPS and passed the quiz that follows. The training will be conducted by members of the Ramapo College professional staff and offered this spring and periodically throughout the summer and upcoming academic year.

For more information, please email [tips@ramapo.edu](mailto:tips@ramapo.edu) or contact the [Office of Student Affairs](#) at 201-684-7456.

## College Lends Aid to Japan Relief Effort

In the recent weeks since an earthquake and tsunami struck Japan on March 11, students, staff and faculty members at Ramapo College have been making it a priority to raise awareness and lend a hand to those in need.



To aid in the relief effort for a country facing a severe nuclear power plant failure, the Roukema Center for International Education sponsored an origami crane sale to collect donations. The sale, which lasted from March 28 through April 1, generated a positive response among those passing through the campus Student Center.

Other student clubs and organizations have set up information and donation tables around campus to do their part in upholding Ramapo's commitment to international education and intercultural understanding.

A [message](#) from President Peter P. Mercer and more opportunities for contribution can be found online.

For more information on how to participate or submit suggestions regarding the relief efforts, contact Erin Hallock in the [Office of Student Development](#) at [ehallock@ramapo.edu](mailto:ehallock@ramapo.edu).

## School Hosts Symposium on Immigration in the 21st Century



On April 4, the School of [American and International Studies](#) at Ramapo College hosted a symposium on immigration. The nine-hour program, "Inventing a Home' Immigration in the 21st Century," opened with remarks from Dean Hassad Nejad, and continued

with a panel discussion, book discussion and lunch seminar.

The formal agenda concluded with a presentation titled "The Face of Immigration: First Person Accounts," a segment on Criminalizing Immigration, and a screening and discussion of clips from the film "AbUsed: The Postville Raid" (2010).

Closing remarks and a reception that followed allowed those who attended to reflect on the night, share personal experiences, and interact.

## Professor Publishes Paper on Gender Influences, Social Science Methodology

Dominique Johnson, assistant professor of law and society in the School of Social Science and Human Services, recently published her paper, "Toward an Analytics of Gender," in the Directorate for the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences of the National Science Foundation.



In submitting her research, Johnson met the challenge to "outline grand challenge questions that were both foundational and transformative," according to a news release. Her paper analyzes gender and its effects on social science methodology, questioning both existing assumptions about the topic, and the importance of gender operationalizations in quantitative data collection.

Building on Johnson's previous work with gender conformity, the paper argues that gender is a necessary component of social scientific investigation and the development of solutions for social problems.

[Johnson's paper](#) is now available for review online.

## Relay for Life Raises Funds, Awareness for Cancer Research



On March 25, Ramapo College was host to the fifth annual Relay for Life, the school's largest fund-raising event for the American Cancer Society. Organized by Colleges Against Cancer, this year's circus-themed Relay for Life was a great success, with 950 participants – its highest attendance to date – raised more than \$70,555.

Team members participated in activities such as tug of war, Relay Idol and zumba in order to stay awake through the night-long event. Clubs and organizations on campus were also encouraged to run their own fund-raising activities, which

included a cotton candy booth and a "jail," in which students could place their friends by making a small donation – the prisoners had to remain in their cell until other participants agreed to walk two relay laps in their name.

To find updates on how much Ramapo College has raised to date, or to make a contribution of your own, please visit [Ramapo's Relay for Life Web page](#).

## Important Dates

### Tuesday, April 19

Passover (Classes held, no testing)

### Friday, April 22

Good Friday (Classes held, offices closed)

### Monday, April 25

Last day to secure guaranteed Fall housing

### Wednesday, April 27

Honors Convocation (3 p.m.)

### Wednesday, May 4

Reading Day (No classes)

### Thursday, May 5 - Wednesday, May 11

Final Exam Week

### Saturday, May 7

Common finals

### Wednesday, May 11

Last day to request "I" grades

Last day of the semester

Residence halls close (6 p.m.)

### Friday, May 13

Commencement

### Monday, May 30

Memorial Day (College closed)

To see other important dates, visit our [Parents Calendar](#).

## Academic Advising Resources and Tools

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[How to sign up for the Alert-Me-Now emergency communication system](#)

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