

Ramapo Receives \$2 million Gift for New Nursing Center, Announces Renovation

Philanthropists Mike and Elaine Adler of Franklin Lakes made a generous donation of \$2 million toward the development of a new nursing center at Ramapo College.



The longtime friends of the school will help fund the establishment of better resources for students and professionals in the nursing program.

The Adler Center for Nursing Excellence, a 25,000-square-foot structure, will double the College's current nursing simulation lab to eight stations each with adjoining computer labs and a tiered classroom, faculty offices, a conference room, a student lounge and a dean's suite.

The construction of the Adler Center for Nursing Excellence is only part of the \$54 million renovation planned for the G-Wing in Ramapo's academic complex, which was completed in 1974 and houses the School of Theoretical and Applied Sciences and the School of Social Sciences and Human Services. The upgrade will provide students and faculty with state-of-the-art labs.

"I am overwhelmed by the generosity of Mike and Elaine Adler who for so many years have been among the greatest friends and supporters of Ramapo College," Ramapo College President Peter P. Mercer said in a [press release](#). "This most recent gift will leave their indelible imprint on our outstanding Nursing program."

Final Grades Available in Late December

Final grades for the fall 2010 semester are submitted by instructors on December 28, 2010 and will be posted on Web Self-Service by January 4, 2011. Students can access their records by following these steps:



1. Log on to my.ramapo.edu
2. Click the **My Courses** tab
3. Select the Web Self-Service link, on right
4. Sign in using your e-mail username and password
5. Click the Student Services and Financial Aid tab
6. Select **Student Records**
7. Select **Final Grades**

Students who wish to appeal a final grade should refer to the [Academic Policies](#) detailed on the Office of the Registrar website.

A Message from the Office of Residence Life: Check-out Procedures and the End of the Semester

As the end of the semester is quickly approaching, the Office of Residence Life would like to provide some information regarding upcoming check-out procedures and closing information.

I. LAST DAY TO STAY: All residents must check out 24 hours after their last exam or before 6 pm on Tuesday, December 21, *whichever comes first*.

II. REQUEST TO STAY LATE: Residents will not be permitted to remain past 6 pm on Tuesday, December 21 unless they have received an approved Check-Out Extension Request from their Area/Residence Director. Extensions will not be granted for any non-academic related reasons including unavailable/late transportation and/or employment.

III. CHECK-OUT: ALL RESIDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE CHECK-OUT PROCESS.

In order to provide a more convenient way for residents to check-out, an "express check-out" system available via the ResLife website has been implemented. Each on-campus resident will receive the link to the express check-out form with instructions, via their Ramapo e-mail account within the last two weeks of the semester. It is the students' responsibility to complete this form and submit it online upon check-out.

Please note: Once this form has been submitted, the resident should vacate their current living space within one hour.

Residents are required to complete a separate check-out process orchestrated through their hall/area office if they are planning a Study Abroad program, graduating, or conducting a room change. They can view posted office hours for their respective area during finals week.

Residents returning to the same room assignment in the spring are not required to take all belongings home. However, the College is **not** responsible for any items that are left in the residence halls/apartments. We suggest that residents take their valuables home.

IV. 24-HOUR QUIET HOURS: In order to maximize study potential for our campus residents, we will observe 24-Hour Quiet Hours beginning on Thursday, December 12, 2010 at 11:00pm. This means noise should not be heard outside of your room/suite/apartment during this period. Residents in violation of any college policies during exam week or 24-Hour Quiet Hours may be asked to leave, be held judicially responsible and may jeopardize their housing privileges for Spring 2011.

Check-in for the Spring 2011 semester will take place on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. in your hall/area office.

Online Winter Session at Ramapo Begins



Please note that the last day to register for the online winter session is **December 22**, the first day of classes. The session continues through the winter break until **January 14, 2011**.

Class schedules, payment, refund and withdrawal deadlines are posted on the [Online Winter Session web page](#) of the Ramapo website.

Reminder: Only a limited number of courses are offered during the winter session. Please refer to the online class schedule to check the availability of a course.

Office of Judicial Affairs Promotes Awareness of Resources

In implementing the College's disciplinary process, the Office of Judicial Affairs is committed to fostering the educational and personal growth of students. The purpose of the disciplinary process is to promote accountability for and awareness of College policies, and to protect the safety and security of members of the community.



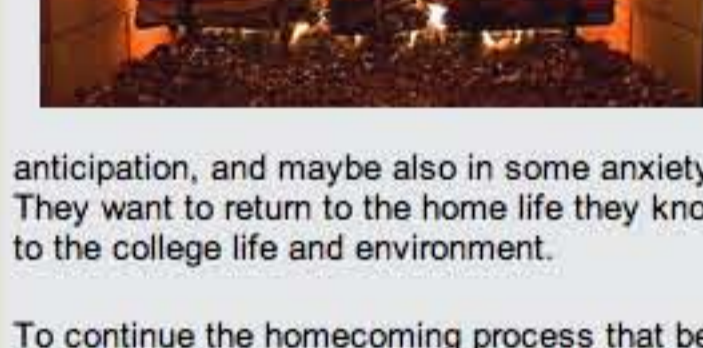
The College's disciplinary process is meant to be a positive tool in addressing conduct that is inconsistent with the campus community. The staff in the Office of Judicial Affairs is available to ensure the office's mission of developing responsible student behavior is achieved through:

- providing guidance to students through the disciplinary process and ensuring that students receive a fair and unbiased opportunity to respond to allegations of misconduct
- issuing sanctions that promote adherence to policies, protect the community and encourage learning outside of the classroom
- referring students to campus resources available to assist in managing the academic and social pressures of the college experience
- collaboration with other offices on campus to effectively approach the needs of students: for example, Athletics, the Department of Public Safety, the Office of Specialized Services, EOF, Fraternity and Sorority Life, the Office of Residence Life and the Center for Health and Counseling Services
- implementing the College's Good Samaritan Policy, a policy that encourages students to "do the right thing" and seek medical attention for themselves or other intoxicated individuals without the fear of judicial outcomes
- providing leadership and insight on various College committees, presenting to campus partners and student leaders and training professionals and paraprofessionals

We value the opportunity to develop a strong partnership with parents. In taking a collaborative approach to student conduct, we hope to contribute to a student's overall success at Ramapo College. For more information about the disciplinary process and to view the College's Code of Conduct, please visit the link to the Student Handbook on our website at <http://www.ramapo.edu/students/judicial/index.html>. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Office of Judicial Affairs at (201) 684-7869.

Written by Matthew McMahon, Assistant Director of Judicial Affairs

Families Welcome First-Year Students Home for the Holidays



After a five-day break for the Thanksgiving holiday, students return to campus to take their final exams and wrap up their first semester of college. During this time first-year students feel a sense of accomplishment and are ready to take advantage of the month-long vacation that awaits them – a privilege they never experienced throughout their high school years.

When the semester ends on December 21, students will pack their belongings and head home in anticipation, and maybe also in some anxiety, of being reunited with family members and friends. They want to return to the home life they know, but may be nervous about doing so after acclimating to the college life and environment.

To continue the homecoming process that began over the Thanksgiving holiday, to welcome students back to the lives and routines that they left behind in September and to make the month-long vacation memorable, parents and family members can keep some of the following suggestions in mind:

Remind Students They Belong at Home

Students returning for their first extensive stay at home may be a bit unsure of what to expect. It can be helpful to remind students that they are always welcome at home and that they don't have to choose between the college and home environment – that they can belong in and combine aspects of both.

Continue Family Traditions

If students are accustomed to putting up holiday decorations, cooking holiday dinners, baking desserts or wrapping presents in a family setting, keeping up the traditions can bring back memories and make the re-adjustment easier.

Take an Interest in College Life Once home, students might feel as though they should put their college experiences aside. Expressing an interest in what they have been doing over the past four months allows students to bring parts of their old and new life experiences together. Asking about the classes students have taken, the friends they have made and the activities they have undertaken can spark further discussion, while encouraging them to maintain their sense of independence and responsibility.

A few other tips for planning a memorable vacation include:

- Give your student time to relax during the first few days of the break, but try to plan a few activities with a special members and friends – go to a movie, see a play, take a weekend trip or celebrate at a family homecoming dinner.
- Treat your student to a few of his or her favorite homecooked meals. Encourage him or her to prepare the meals with you and to discuss what he or she has in store for the time off.
- Help your student plan ahead for the spring semester. Remind him or her to order books for classes and to pack for the winter months – winter clothing (sweatshirts and sweatpants), seasonal accessories (winter jackets, gloves, scarves and hats) and snow shovels and ice scrapers (for students with cars on campus) can add a little warmth to the cold months ahead.

Simply letting students know that you're happy to have them home can go a long way. Please visit our [Academic Calendar](#) for future holiday dates.

Happy Holidays from the Center for Academic Advisement and First-Year Experience!

Important Dates

- Tuesday, December 14**
Reading Day
- December 15-21**
Final Exam Week
- Tuesday, December 21**
Last day of semester/Residence Halls close 6 at p.m.
- Wednesday, December 22**
Last day to register for winter session/Winter session begins
- Thursday, January 5**
Payment deadline: Applicable to students who registered for classes between December 8 and January 4.
- Wednesday January 19**
Payment deadline: Applicable to students who registered for classes between January 5 and January 19.
- Wednesday, January 19**
Spring 2011 classes begin

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

Academic Advising Resources and Tools

- "How to Videos"**
- [How to find the Degree Requirements and Four Year Plan](#)
 - [How to run a Degree Evaluation](#)
 - [How to sign up for the Alert-Me-Now emergency communication system](#)

- Other Helpful Information**
- [How to choose a major](#)
 - [Academic Policies](#)
 - [CAAFYE Forms](#)

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