

## Ramapo Class to Study Impact of Crossroads Shopping Center in Mahwah



Students from a Ramapo College Environmental Assessment class are preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to determine the ecological, physical and socio-economic impacts of the proposed development of a

750,000-square-foot shopping center at the intersection between Interstate 287 and Route 17. Mahwah Mayor Bill Laforet said the study conducted by the senior class will be considered along with professional studies of the shopping center's development plan.

The class's 18 students are divided into groups to study three major areas of the proposed plan: social/economic and policy impacts, ecological impacts and physical impacts. Within those three areas, students will examine air pollution, flooding, lights, noise, potential surface water issues, noxious conditions at the site, odors and health and safety considerations.

"We are proud of our students and their exemplary work on this project," said Ramapo College President Peter P. Mercer. "Experiential, hands-on learning that gives our students a competitive edge in the work place has become a hallmark of a Ramapo education."

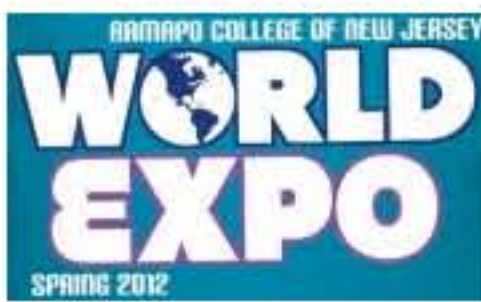
The students will earn credit for their work and present their findings to the Mahwah Environmental Commission during a public meeting later this semester, said Professor of Environmental Psychology, Michael Edelstein, who is teaching the course.

"This is an example of how the community can partner with the College," said Mayor Laforet. "I think we have identified a key resource for both the community and the College. We are very excited about this opportunity."

For more information, view the official [press release](#) online.

## First Annual World Expo Gives Ramapo Students a Taste of Local, Global Culture

On Wednesday, May 2, 2012, the [Center for Academic Advisement and First-Year Experience](#), along with [Study Abroad](#), the [Center for Student Involvement](#) and the [First-Year Experience Board](#), will present the first Ramapo College World Expo, an event designed to bring cultural awareness to the campus community.



The event will take place across campus throughout the day, providing a taste of food, song, dance and other cultural exhibitions from world regions including Asia, the Americas, the Pacific, Africa and Europe.

Event highlights include a salsa dance class, tango exhibition, Polynesian barbecue, traditional American fair, zumba class, drumming performance, cheese tasting, cultural bazaar, World Cup soccer tournament, and a cultural concert.

Students are encouraged to come out and experience both local and global culture right on their very own campus.

## Civic Engagement Center Hosts a Night Without a Home, Raises Awareness



To kick off to Civic Engagement Week, the Civic Engagement Center hosted [Night Without a Home](#) on Saturday, April 14 and Sunday, April 15.

Those who participated experienced what it feels like to live on the streets, sleeping outside on the Laurel Courts to

simulate life without a home. Students were allowed to bring a box, sleeping bag and pillow, and were encouraged to ask local appliance stores for refrigerator boxes and duct tape.

Attendees spent the night free of luxuries such as iPods and cellular phones to gain a true understanding of this all-too-common struggle.

## Study Abroad Program Now Offered in Cuba

The Roukema Center for International Education recently introduced a new study abroad program in Havana, Cuba for the 2013 spring and fall.



The program will be held at Colegio Universitario San Geronimo de La Habana in the Caribbean country's capital, and is a full-immersion experience in which classes are held in English as well as Spanish alongside native students.

Disciplines of study include anthropology, art and technology, and Latin American studies, among others.

For more information on this and other study abroad programs, visit the [Roukema Center for International Studies site](#).

## Mr. and Ms. Roadrunner Contest Held



On Friday, April 13, students came out to the Bradley Center Auxiliary Gym to show their school spirit and represent their organizations as they participated in a pageantry competition to find our very own official Mr. Roadrunner & Ms. Roadrunner.

Contestants competed for their respective titles through a talent competition, semi-formal competition and "Wow-Wear" competition.

Mr. & Ms. Roadrunner was co-Sponsored by the Ramapo College [Student Government Association](#) (SGA), The College Programming Board (CPB), The Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and the [Inter Greek Senate](#) (IGS), in conjunction with the department of [Athletics](#).

## Important Dates

### Monday, April 25

Last day to secure guaranteed Fall housing

### Wednesday, April 25

Honors Convocation (3:00 pm)

### Monday, May 7

Reading Day (No classes held)

### Tuesday, May 8 - Monday, May 14

[Final Exam](#) Week

### Saturday, May 12

Common Finals

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Residence halls close (6:00pm)

### Monday, May 14

Last day to request "I" grades

Last day of the semester

### Wednesday, May 16

Commencement (10:00 a.m.)

Prudential Center, Newark, NJ

### Monday, May 28

Memorial Day (College closed)

## Academic Advisement Resources and Tools

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