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**Student Success (Advisement, Career Development, Center for Reading & Writing, Connect, EOF, First-Generation Center, New Student Experience, STEM Center & the Testing Center)**

**Vision Statement**

Student Success guides students towards graduation by providing services, resources, mentoring and community-building experiences that strengthen our diverse students’ acclimation and success in the Ramapo College community as both an academic scholar and engaged participant.

**Student Success Unit Responsibilities Related to Faculty**

**Academic Advisement**

* Implements and updates the Academic Advisement Plan for the College
  + Current plan follows:
    - First-Year students are advised by Student Success’s professional advisors prior to and throughout their first-year (all advisement is mandatory)
    - Upper-class students are advised by faculty academic advisors (advisement is mandatory in the third and sixth semesters)
  + Coordinates the Academic Advisement Council, which includes faculty from every School
* Advises students on an individual basis for matters relating to academic planning, graduation requirements, off-campus study, personal matters that affect academic planning, etc.
* Web sites:
  + <http://www.ramapo.edu/myadvisor/>
  + <http://www.ramapo.edu/myadvisees/>
* *Upcoming Trainings*:
  + Unit Council Meetings
  + Email School Liaisons for immediate questions: <https://www.ramapo.edu/myadvisor/school-liaisons/>

**Cahill Career Development Center**

* Advising for career planning, graduate school, job/internship search, resumes, cover letters, networking, interviewing, LinkedIn Profile, etc.
* Pathways program - required for all students
  + <https://www.ramapo.edu/careercenter/exploration/>
* Cooperative Education - Students work at a relevant internship and earn academic credit
  + Faculty oversee academic requirements
* Website: <https://www.ramapo.edu/careercenter/>
* Unit Council/School Liaisons: <https://www.ramapo.edu/careercenter/about-us/>

**Connect Resources – Academic Progress Survey Software**

* Provides a convenient way to support your student’s learning and progress by raising academic progress items when you observe excellent work or performance that concerns you, ensuring that the professional staff on campus who can intervene are aware.
* Accessible through web.ramapo.edu, Connect will automatically display students that are enrolled in your courses. From there, you can begin raising academic progress items about students, review items that have been raised about your students, provide additional information and close the loop with other faculty and advisors in your student’s available Success Network.
* Web site: <http://www.ramapo.edu/connect/>
* Senior Assistant Director-Tracey Bender, [tpastori@ramapo.edu](mailto:tpastori@ramapo.edu) or [connect@ramapo.edu](mailto:connect@ramapo.edu)

**Educational Opportunity Fund Program**

* The mission is to provide access to higher education and support for highly motivated students who exhibit the potential for success, but who come from families/communities disadvantaged by low income and a lack of access to quality educational preparation necessary to attend college. The EOF program provides such students full-time admission to the college, and the support needed to maintain their continued enrollment through graduation.
* Program Highlights:
  + Advisement, Career Development, Faculty Mentorship, Financial Support, Leadership and more
* Website: <https://www.ramapo.edu/eof-program/>
* Director-Gabriella Ammiano, [gammiano@ramapo.edu](mailto:gammiano@ramapo.edu)
* Associate Director-Dee Foreman, [dforeman@ramapo.edu](mailto:dforeman@ramapo.edu)

**First-Generation Student Center**

* The First-Generation Student Center provides purposeful support and engaging services to create an equitable environment for first-generation Roadrunners. The goal of the Center is to promote first-generation student success through learning experiences that cultivate a sense of belonging and encourage holistic student development. The Center also provides training and resources to campus community members to increase awareness and understanding of the lived experiences of first-generation Roadrunners.
* Program Highlights:
  + Mentorship, Financial Support, Leadership, Resources and Tri-Alpha Honor Society
* Website: <https://www.ramapo.edu/first-gen/>
* Assistant Director-Uma Mahalingam, [firstgen@ramapo.edu](mailto:firstgen@ramapo.edu)

**New Student Experience**

* Provides transitional programming for first-year and transfer students. These programs include:
  + Orientation: separate programs for First-Year and Transfer students and their families
  + Welcome Week: extended orientation programming right before students start classes
* Coordinates Peer Facilitator Program, which facilitates weekly mentoring from upper-class students, through the General Education First-Year Seminar course (each course of approximately 25 students has 2 peer facilitators)
* Transfer Center and Veterans Lounge
* Web sites:
  + <http://www.ramapo.edu/orientation/>
  + <http://www.ramapo.edu/welcome/>
* Assistant Director-Meghan Gregory, [mgregory@ramapo.edu](mailto:mgregory@ramapo.edu)

**STEM Center**

* The Ramapo College STEM Center is a place for staff, faculty, students and the broader community outside our campus to gather and build community around Science and Mathematics. Events, workshops, and services are for everyone to enjoy. Whether you are seeking peer tutoring for your TAS classes or would like to use the Center to study with your friends, all anyone has to do is just walk-in. TAS students, this is your space!
* Program Highlights:
  + Tutoring, Workshops, Community Building Events, McNair Scholars Program
* Website: <https://www.ramapo.edu/stem-center/>
* Director-Sandra Suarez, [ssuarez@ramapo.edu](mailto:ssuarez@ramapo.edu)

**Testing Center**

* Provides placement testing in writing/critical reading, mathematics and languages
* Administers CLEP testing through the College Board, which allows students to earn academic credit for prior knowledge through testing
* Proctors accommodated testing in collaboration with the Office of Specialized Services (OSS)
* Web site: <http://www.ramapo.edu/testing/>
* Senior Assistant Director-Tracey Bender, [testing@ramapo.edu](mailto:testing@ramapo.edu)