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I am interested in serving on the 2021 Presidential Search Committee as a representative of the:	Students
Please select one:	As a representative of the RCNJ students, I affirm that this nomination has the endorsement of the RCNJ Student Government Association.
Affirmation of Understanding	I have reviewed and I accept the 2021 Presidential Search Committee Charge, Statement of Understanding for Committee Members, and Search Process Timeline.
Reason for Service. Please describe why you are interested in serving on the 2021 Presidential Search Committee and how you may add value and insight to the Committee's process and deliberations. (500 word maximum)	I am most interested in serving on the 2021 Presidential Search Committee because I am a very active student on campus so I am able to reach out to fellow students and have them voice their opinion on what changes they would like to see implemented on campus. The decision of the next President of Ramapo College is a decision that can affect the future of the students and it is important to have a student who has the best intentions of the students in such a position. I have different skills and experience that makes me stand out from the crowd. Ever since I have been a freshman attending Ramapo College of New Jersey, I have been looking for ways to improve student life on campus. Although I am a student, I believe that since I am a very active student, I have the student body's best interests in mind. I am a part of the Multicultural Students Advisory Committee, and very involved in the Black Student Union and because of the positions I hold, I am able to shed light on what might be beneficial for the multicultural students that are on campus. I am a student that has made her presence known on campus and has developed many different connections that have helped me understand my purpose. Being that I am a very active student on campus so I am able to reach out to fellow students and have them voice their opinion on what changes they would like to see implemented on campus. This is very important because it is the future of the students that will be affected the most when the new President assumes his or her position.
Vision for the Search. Please describe your vision for the search process. (350 word maximum)	The ultimate goal of the is to select a leader who will move the institution in the right direction. When the candidates are brought forward to the committee members and the Board of Trustees, I want each person that is involved in the presidential search to give comments on the candidates after they have presented. When it comes to sharing the comments for each person, a way that can ensure everyone's comments are heard is by

having a new person give his or her opinion each time. Also, I would want to see the candidates making campus visits where they will meet with particularly faculty and students. This is an important part of the process because they allow the different population of the campus community to participate in providing impressions, as well as to contribute to the candidate's understanding of the culture of the institution. Through this, the candidates are also able to build rapport with other campus members. This is also important for the candidate because it is during the campus visits where he or she is able to determine his or suitability for the position. Another vision I have for the search process is to have another way that implements campus members. There should be a way that encourages other people that are not on the committee, but are deeply invested in the community to address any concerns they might have about the candidates.

Top Five. Please describe what you believe to be the top five characteristics/capabilities needed in the next College president. (350 word maximum)

An important characteristic that the next College President should have is the ability to be an innovative leader. The President should be one that is able to lead the college in the right direction.

An important characteristic, the next President of Ramapo should be empathetic and sympathetic with the students. This is a valuable trait because there can be instances when the next President disproves of something that is occurring on campus simply because of personal reasons, but it is important if the next President is able to look beyond his or her personal reasons and sees what is in the best needs of the students because the well being of the students are his or her top priority.

With the diversity Ramapo College has this year, it is only inevitable that the diversity will continue to increase. I believe the next College President should be a person that has worked with a diverse audience because it is important to understand that people of different backgrounds might have needs, and it is important to know that not every form of approach will work for all students.

Along with this the next College President should be patient when problems arise within the campus. There are so many issues that could possibly occur during the president's term and it important the next College President is able to take his or her time and approach the situation that is in the best interest of the students and the Board of Trustees.

The Next College President needs to have his or her presence known by the campus population. If the next College President has the capability to visit the campus regularly, he or she will be able to build valuable connections with the students, faculty and staff of the school, and that is a very important relationship for the President to have. I believe how students, faculty and staff feel about their college president affects the quality of their work and, therefore, the education of students. This is also the same outside of the college. A leader of any organization can affect the morale and commitment of members of that community.