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William and Catherine Krame and Dr. Tim Finley are creating opportunities for today's Ramapo students and future generations through their foresight and generosity. The Krames recently made a gift creating the Center for Contemplative Studies and Mindful Living. Dr. Tim Finley made a gift to support the reconstruction of laboratories and offices in the G building.



"The objective is to try and influence freshmen coming in, across the curriculum, about the idea of taking a more holistic approach not only to education but to life in general."

William Krame

WILLIAM AND CATHERINE KRAME

William and Catherine Krame have lived in Mahwah for 15 years, so when they started looking to build a spiritual center for mindfulness education, their search eventually led them to Ramapo College. "I've seen Ramapo grow from a small college into a major learning institution," Bill Krame said. "What they've done is very impressive."

The Krames made a generous donation toward creating the William and Catherine Krame Center for Contemplative Studies and Mindful Living. Krame, a real estate developer, said he and his wife have

meditated daily for many years. Having a Type A personality, he said, he sees the benefits firsthand. "Mindfulness has finally been recognized by academics and the medical community as a way of coping and dealing with everyday problems and medical issues," he said. "The whole concept is: You cannot alter the past and your future is unknown. All you can control is how you deal with the here and now."

Krame's vision for the school is long term, and ambitious. He believes Ramapo can become the leading institution on the East

Coast for mindfulness education. Its physical location, beautiful facilities, commitment to the students and the surrounding community, and its focus on interdisciplinary education make Ramapo an ideal environment for expanding the study of mindfulness.

"Under the leadership of President Mercer and a fully engaged and committed faculty," Krame said, "we are very excited about this opportunity and the potential that exists to make a real difference in the world."