

## Campus News

### HELP YOUR ORGANIZATION AND YOUR STUDENT BODY

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—(COLLEGIATE PRESSWIRE) Organizations on thousands of campuses across the United States are constantly looking for new ways to raise money. Greek organizations need funding for their events and philanthropic goals; sports teams need money for uniforms and tournaments; and virtually every other organization needs some type of backing to help keep it afloat. The fundraising efforts of many organizations have just become far easier thanks to an initiative by [Campuscareercenter.com](http://Campuscareercenter.com).

CCC has established an on-campus presence for itself over the past two years through the use of a campus representative program. The program has displayed signs of tremendous potential and CCC is now prepared to see their resume database grow exponentially by offering a similar program to non-profit/charity groups.

The program will allow organizations to raise money by having their members post their resumes on CCC and by spreading the word about CCC on campus. The program works on a pay-for-referral basis and organizations with 50 members can raise \$750 in a month if each member puts in about 15 minutes of time! No group is too big or too small to participate in this program!

With plans for only a limited number of programs available at specific campuses, organizations are going to jump at the chance to get involved. To

get your group started in this fundraising initiative, email [jzweig@campuscareercenter.com](mailto:jzweig@campuscareercenter.com) or call Jay at 1-866-870-9471.

**About  
Campuscareercenter.com**

[CampusCareerCenter.com](http://CampusCareerCenter.com) (CCC) was founded three years ago to provide undergraduate and graduate students and companies with an Internet-based solution to streamline the employment process. With a rapidly growing database of top students, and clients (including AT&T, Boeing, Tyco International, ENSCO, Walmart, Federal Express, and EMC) actively seeking to hire new recruits from this pool via the Internet, CCC has succeeded in bringing these two groups together and in the process branded itself as a top Internet recruitment service provider to both the corporate and academic communities. The company was founded in September, 1998 and is based in Cambridge, MA. For more information, visit [www.campuscareercenter.com](http://www.campuscareercenter.com) or call (617) 661-2613.

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### SPIRITUAL THERAPIST PLANS TO VISIT ECSU

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Dr. Regina Rapelyea is a spiritual therapist and metaphysical counselor who provides counseling in the areas of social consciousness, spiritual and past life regression, and philosophy. Dr. Rapelyea is also a transpersonal hypnotherapist who has her certification in Clinical Hypnotherapy. With this hypnotherapy she researches past lives and in-between life states for the betterment and empowerment of people.

One may wonder how Dr. Rapelyea began a career in this field. As a child she had a strong interest in her immortality. When she was six years old, she said she could pick up energy and see the dead. There were incidents that happened that involved her grandmother and cousin. Her grandmother had died, but when her family told her, Rapelyea claimed that she already knew. Also she watched her cousin drown in the house where they grew up in and saw him that night sitting at the edge of her bed. She was reluctant to share these stories with people because she wanted to blend in with her peers. She was ultimately afraid of rejection because her childhood was filled with struggles of acceptance.

Other incidents started to take a toll on her faith in her early 20's. She became homeless because she trusted people to the extent where she lost everything. Her father also died around this time. She started questioning her beliefs of Catholicism and could not accept them.

"If you are going to preach, tell the whole truth because one day you are going to wake up and say what is out there for me, not necessarily as a person but as a spirit," Rapelyea says of her bad experiences in Catholicism.

This experience made her go back to school. She had already been to school for Computer Science and Engineering at San Jose State University and had built equipment for the navy. Now she was headed in another direction and was trying to make sense of everything. She found direction with

her Ph.D. in Metaphysics, and her M.S. in Metaphysical Counseling from the University of International Studies for Metaphysical Sciences.

Dr. Rapelyea does things for her flesh as well as her soul and her work is centered around it. She has trained at the National Guild of Hypnotists for basic and advanced certification in Hypnosis and she holds memberships with The Association for Research and Enlightenment, The Association for Black World Today Businesses and The National Speakers Bureau. Dr. Rapelyea is the CEO and founder of the Rapelyea Foundation for Spiritual Enlightenment. The foundation is dedicated to philosophy, mysticism, and higher self-learning and uses the tools of hypnosis, meditation, and the principles of vibration and sound with several mediums.

"I felt I had to step outside of what I knew to learn something different to enhance what I knew and I look for ways as to how it fits into a religious dogma," states Rapelyea.

Dr. Rapelyea has written a book called "Wings of the Dove" and will be making a visit to Elizabeth City on February 16, 2002, from 9AM to 1PM. She will be at the K.E. White Graduate Center in Room 107 and her lecture will be entitled "Reincarnation and The Wheels and Cycles of Life."

Dr. Rapelyea also does workshops, and spiritual counseling based on the concept of oneness and philosophies centered on reincarnation, karma, and universal law. She is dedicated to the discovery of self and self-realization, which is found in search for oneness, consciousness, and empowerment.

"If you don't examine your beliefs, then how do you know who you are?" states Rapelyea.

Dr. Regina Rapelyea lives in Fredericksburg, Virginia with her husband, David; two sons, David and James; and daughter Davina Michelle.

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### ST. VALENTINE'S DAY 101

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February 14 marks the most romantic day of the year. That is the day we celebrate St. Valentine's Day. We all know that we are supposed to give our sweethearts cards, candy, and flowers. But what is St. Valentine's Day? Why do we celebrate it?

Believe it or not, this day was not started by women to beguile gifts from their men. February 15 was already traditionally a day for love. Romans celebrated the first day of the pagan Lupercalia festival. To begin the festival, priests would gather in a sacred cave and sacrifice a goat for fertility and a dog for purification. The men would then slice the goat hide into strips, dip them in the sacrificial blood, and take to the streets gently slapping the women with the goat hides. Roman women welcomed being touched by the hides, because it was believed to make them more fertile. Later that same day, all of the women in the city would place her name in a big pot and the available men would draw a name. Whomever he chose would be his 'girlfriend' for the next year. Many of these couplings ended in marriage.

During the third century in Rome, Emperor Claudius II was having trouble recruiting men into the army to fight the many bloody battles he was involved in. Deducing that the reason was because the men didn't want to leave their loved ones, the Emperor outlawed marriages for young men. A priest by the name of St. Valentine disagreed with the law and continued to marry couples in secret. Eventually he was caught and sentenced to death.

While St. Valentine was in prison awaiting his sentence, he fell in love with the jailer's daughter, who would visit frequently. On the day of his execution-February 14-he wrote her a love letter and signed it "From Your Valentine".

During the Middle Ages, the Roman 'lottery' system was deemed un-Christian and insulting to God,

and so was banned. However, the church saw nothing wrong with celebrating love, so Pope Gelasius declared February 14<sup>th</sup> the day for love-St. Valentine's Day. St. Valentine was made the patron saint of passion.

To celebrate St. Valentine's Day, people began to write letters inspired by St. Valentine's letter to the jailer's daughter. They were signed, 'From Your Valentine.' Eventually, letters were replaced by cards due to improvements in printing technology.

Flowers are given to sweethearts on this day because it was said that the children whom St. Valentine used to visit before his incarceration, would throw flowers up to him through his prison window. Here is a tip for would-be givers: Red roses are for passion, white roses for true love, and yellow roses for friendship. If you are a secret admirer, give Gardenias, and if you want to make up, give Lily of the Valleys.

Giving candy on St. Valentine's Day started in Britain in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Children received candy and money for singing Valentine carols. This is similar to the Christmas caroling children practice today.

Cupid is a common symbol used on this day of romance. He was the Roman god of love. His arrows would pierce the hearts of his victims, causing them to fall deeply in love.

Have you ever wondered why the letter 'X' is used as the symbol for kiss? This practice grew out of Medieval times when the illiterate were permitted to sign documents using an 'X' to represent their name. This was done in the presence of a witness and a kiss was given on the 'X' to show sincerity. Soon 'X' became synonymous with the kiss, which was reserved for showing affection to a loved one. Thus, the 'X' became a symbol for St. Valentine's Day.

So thanks to the influence of one man's belief in unconditional love, a day is reserved for celebrating our love for that special someone in our lives.



Photo Courtesy of Dr. Regina Rapelyea

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