

# *Sprint and Montclair State University embrace transforming technology*

*Almost every campus across the nation is facing the same challenge – how to communicate wirelessly with their students while cost-effectively transforming legacy communications systems into the totally wireless campuses of the not too distant future.*

*Montclair State University, a largely commuter campus in northern New Jersey, chose Sprint and Rave Wireless to implement a solution to better connect them with their students.*

*Using Sprint's GPS capabilities and Rave Wireless data applications, Montclair State University is able to offer a comprehensive wireless program to its students to accomplish the following:*

- > Improve student safety*
- > Enhance student camaraderie*
- > Further integrate teacher and student learning experiences*
- > Initiate mobile commerce*

## *Improving student safety*

*"Because today's college students are far more mobile than ever before, their safety issues are different," says Catherine Bath, executive director, Security on Campus.*

*"By leveraging the prevalent use of mobile phones among students, Rave Guardian, a security application, provides information needed to significantly increase the safety of college students anywhere they are."*

*Because Rave Guardian enables students to turn their phones into personal alarm devices, it is like having a police officer at every student's side.*

## *Strengthening campus camaraderie*

*"It connects students effectively to the institution, and that is critical to their ability to learn and succeed," says Dr. Susan Cole, President of Montclair State University. Students who subscribe to Rave can receive a package of "community-based" applications customized specifically for the university. These applications allow students to share their GPS locations with friends, identify the GPS location of campus shuttles, check their class assignments, view cafeteria menus, obtain local merchant discounts and conduct classroom polling with teachers.*

*Real-time connections to classrooms and professors – and campus community information – create a more integrated campus for students and a more productive workplace for faculty and staff.*



### *> Situation:*

*Students interact with others through the phone and text messaging as naturally as face-to-face. Land lines are unused - even in emergencies. Information must be available "on the go."*

### *> Solution:*

*Universities must adapt and learn to communicate with students through their preferred communication device – the mobile phone.*

### *> Success:*

*Montclair State University, Sprint and Rave Wireless built a custom network solution that enhances student communications, facilitates student safety and strengthens the campus community.*

## *Mobile integration at its best*

*"It's innovative and it fits the way students live," declares Ed Chapel, CIO of Montclair State University. The university challenged the status quo by providing these cutting edge communications tools for students. This meant integrating wireless directly into the applications that students and faculty use today, like blogging, text messaging, instant messaging and access to course management systems such as Blackboard.*

## *Reliable, ongoing support*

*Sprint Custom Network Solutions offers dual network solutions. Sprint will install one robust network that can include 800, 900 and 1900 Mhz. channels. Sprint Custom Network Solutions has an entire team of Project Certified Professionals to project manage the integration from initial planning through a dedicated post sales delivery team providing ongoing customer care for the entire lifecycle of the relationship.*

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