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ICRG's CollegeGambling.org: Empowering College Students to Gamble Responsibly

BEVERLY, MASS.— Oct. 24th, 2023—College can be a time of exploration and growth, but it also comes with its challenges. For some college students, the excitement of gambling can turn into a serious issue impacting their well-being and academic success. Recognizing this need, the International Center for Responsible Gaming (ICRG) is delighted to reintroduce CollegeGambling.org, initially launched in 2011. This website has not only been relaunched but also thoroughly updated to align with modern digital standards, ensuring that it remains a valuable resource for students and those connected to college life.

Importantly, CollegeGambling.org is designed exclusively for those of legal gambling age, and it is our firm commitment to responsible gaming that we do not encourage underage gambling.

CollegeGambling.org serves as a beacon of hope for those seeking information, guidance, and support in promoting responsible gambling habits among college students. It offers valuable resources to raise awareness about this issue and connects individuals with the help they need when facing gambling-related problems.

The website provides a wealth of information, including:

- **What You Can Do:** Actionable steps and guidance to address gambling issues effectively.
- **Facts and Stats:** The latest data, research findings, and resources to help identify and support students struggling with gambling problems.
- **For Campus Health Professionals:** Knowledge and tools to identify and assist students facing gambling addiction, while educating legal-age students about responsible gambling choices.
- **For University Administrators:** Assisting in implementing policies and raising awareness of responsible gambling practices.
- **For Students:** Essential information about gambling and gambling disorders, signs of potential problems, where to find help, and ways to promote awareness on campus.
- **For Parents:** Guidance to engage in conversations about responsible gambling with their college-bound children and encouraging involvement in addressing this issue on campus.

Key statistics underscore the importance of CollegeGambling.org's mission:

- Recent research indicates that 6 percent of college students in the U.S. struggle with a severe gambling problem, leading to psychological distress, unmanageable debt, and academic challenges.
- College-aged individuals are more prone to impulsive behavior and are at a higher risk of developing gambling disorders than adults.
- Students with gambling problems are more likely to engage in other risky behaviors, including substance abuse, impaired driving, and poor academic performance.

In a time when gambling opportunities are more accessible than ever, CollegeGambling.org stands as a vital resource, equipping college students with knowledge and support to make responsible choices.

"Our commitment to responsible gaming extends to college campuses, where students are shaping their futures," affirms Arthur Paikowsky, President of ICRG. "With the right information and support, every student can make informed decisions about gambling."

ICRG encourages students, parents, campus professionals, and administrators to explore CollegeGambling.org and utilize its resources to foster a culture of responsible gaming on campuses nationwide.

For more information about CollegeGambling.org, please visit <https://www.collegegambling.org/>.

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About ICRG

The International Center for Responsible Gaming (ICRG) is a leading organization dedicated to promoting responsible gaming and reducing the harmful effects of gambling. ICRG conducts research, develops educational programs, and provides resources to support individuals, communities, and institutions in fostering responsible gambling practices. CollegeGambling.org is one of its leading initiatives, addressing unique gambling challenges on college campuses. For more information, visit www.icrg.org.

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