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“GO BACK AND BE HAPPY” PRESENTATION AT RESURRECTION



Author Julie Papievis (right) with Resurrection alumna Lynn Pawelski Burke '83 (left)

Resurrection College Prep High School hosted a presentation for students on **Tuesday, September 13, 2011** by Julie Papievis, author of the book “Go Back and Be Happy.”

On May 10, 1993 Julie Papievis suffered a severe brain stem injury and when her car was hit by a teenage driver. Although no brain activity was found and she was considered “medically dead” she remained on life support in a coma for six weeks. When she awoke from the coma, paralyzed and unable to speak, she could recall meeting her grandmothers at heaven’s doorstep. Julie Papievis was told by her grandmother that her body would heal and that she should “Go back and be happy.” With that message of hope, Julie walked a long road to recovery. Five years after her injury she ran a 5K, and in 2007 she completed a triathlon.

According to Loyola Medical Center neurosurgeon Dr. John Shea, the recovery of Julie Papievis was nothing short of a miracle. During her presentation at Resurrection College Prep High School, Julie Papievis told the students that “each one of us has a purpose to fulfill.” She shared her story of motivation and excitement for life and urged students to approach life with faith and hope. More information about Julie Papievis and her remarkable story of healing is available at www.gobackandbehappy.com.

Resurrection College Prep High School is a Catholic, Christian college preparatory high school for young women located at 7500 West Talcott Avenue, Chicago, IL 60631. For more information about Resurrection College Prep High School, call 773.775.6616 Ext 129 or visit www.reshs.org.