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Peer Education Nation Celebrates Achievements at Annual Assembly

Reston, Virginia – College student leaders from The BACCHUS Network gathered to celebrate their accomplishments at the recent BACCHUS General Assembly, “Peer Education Nation: Health Promotion in Motion”.

“This is the premier student leadership health conference in the nation. The energy the students bring to the conference is phenomenal – they are in keynotes and sessions starting at 8 am and still are going strong at 5 pm. They are talking with their peers from other campuses and sharing ideas and strategies for increasing the health behaviors of their peers back on their own campus,” said Ann Quinn-Zobeck, BACCHUS’ Director of Education and Training.

The BACCHUS Network held its annual General Assembly in Reston, Virginia from November 3-6, 2011. The conference included 70 breakout sessions, keynotes (from David Hellstrom, Veron Wall, Eric Davidson, and Jack Claypoole (Office of National Drug Control Policy)), and six educational featured speakers.

Over 120 campuses were represented at the annual conference and awards banquet. Students traveled from across the United States to attend breakout sessions and educational speakers on health topics such as alcohol abuse, marijuana, tobacco control, fitness and nutrition, and mental health as well as keynotes on leadership and advocacy for creating a healthier generation.

At the conclusion of the conference, the 650 attendees recognized outstanding prevention programs, student peer educators, advisors, alumni, and affiliate groups from across the nation.

“The programs and activities of BACCHUS affiliates are always inspiring. Whether it is a new campus launching a comprehensive education program, an established school screening over 400 students for alcohol abuse in a single day, or a campus progressing toward becoming tobacco-free, our affiliates truly believe in the power of students to be role models, educators, and advocates for healthier campuses,” said Janet Cox, BACCHUS’ President and CEO.

The 2011 award winners were announce at the General Assembly closing banquet.

Outstanding Students

Jordan Winn	University of North Carolina Wilmington
William “Bill” Schmoyer	DeSales University
Ashley S. Huie	University at Albany, SUNY
Jason Windish	Bradley University
Brit Hvide	Northwestern University

Outstanding Advisors

Anna Sotelo-Peryea	State University of New York at Buffalo
Emily Matson	University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, Rothenberger Institute
Lori Bednarchik	San Diego State University

Don Swogger
Jenna Jordan

Frostburg State University
University of Missouri

Outstanding Affiliates

Polk State College
Gustavus Adolphus College
Frostburg State University
Northwestern University
Columbia University
Miami University
University at Buffalo

SLAM! Students Living A Message
Gustavus Peer Assistants
BURG Peer Education Network
Sexual Health and Assault Peer Education (SHAPE)
Stressbusters at Columbia
HAWKS Peer Health Educators
The Men's Group

Outstanding Alum

Judy Douglas

Gustavus Adolphus College

Outstanding New Alum

Alicia K. Czachowski

Northern Illinois University

Outstanding Prevention Programming Awards

- **Tobacco Control:** Pittsburg State University, Gorillas In Your Midst
- **Alcohol Abuse and Impaired Driving Prevention:** University of Missouri, MU Student Wellness Advocates and MU GAMMA
- **Sexual Health:** University of North Carolina Wilmington, Health Promotion Peer Educators
- **Mental Health:** Bowling Green State University, Student Wellness Network
- **Fitness and Nutrition:** University of Scranton, Center for Health Education and Wellness
- **Personal Safety and Wellness Programming:** College at Brockport, SUNY, Student Health Advocates

School Exhibits

1st Place: Bradley University – SONOR

2nd Place: University at Albany, SUNY – Middle Earth Peer Assistance Program

School Posters

1st Place: Middle Tennessee State University – Raider Health Corps

2nd Place: Columbus State University – BACCHUS

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Columbus State University – BACCHUS

The 2012 General Assembly will be held November 1-4, 2012 in Orlando, Florida.