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Good Times Ahead

Classes are back, summer is gone, and warm weather is on its way out. Yes, we have started another Fall here at the BACCHUS Network. It has been nearly a year since I ran and was elected to the **Student Advisory Committee** and I've had a lot of fun with the organization. I traveled to Maine for last year's Area 10 Conference, enjoyed a nice tour of Denver with the BACCHUS higher-ups, got to know my fellow SACs (**we like to sing and dance as you can see, I'm located on the far left and will leave the rest of my fellow BACCHUS members unnamed**), and learned that there will always be people who feel the same way you do; you only have to find them.

I encourage you to do just this by getting to know members of the BACCHUS Network from across the country and beyond by **attending the 2007 General Assembly in Atlanta, Georgia**. I'm eager to see the friends I met last year (even some from my home state of Iowa).

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Chance @ Karaoke

While in Atlanta, this year's Student Advisory Committee members will be elected. The SACs, myself, and Lisa (our Area 10 Consultant) have put a lot into BACCHUS during our stay and are happy to announce the creation of **two \$275 scholarships available to Area 10 students for General Assembly registration costs**. Look for more information on these opportunities in the rest of this newsletter.

Good luck with the Fall, I'll certainly need it here at Emerson College. I'd like to find that person who keeps telling everyone how lazy our generation has been getting.

Scholarships to the General Assembly

Area 10 Scholarship Logo

This year there are more scholarships to attend the conference than ever before! Scholarships are available for new affiliates, peer educators who focus on highway safety, peer education student leaders, and Area 10 students.

For Area 10 Scholarships, [click here](#).

For all other scholarships, [click here](#) or visit BACCHUSNetwork.org for more information.

General Assembly 2007 ~ November 8 - 11, 2007 ~ Atlanta, GA

This year's **General Assembly** promises to be the best ever with peer educators and advisors from 200+ campuses converging on Atlanta for three days of sharing **Fresh Ideas in Peer Education**, networking and fun! A few highlights...

- More than 70 breakout sessions, plus pre-conference workshops, featured speakers and edutainment, including Judson Laipply, creator of "[The Evolution of Dance](#)", YouTube's most viewed video in history!
- Dozens of awards are given to deserving peer educators, advisors and programs. Be sure to submit nominations, even if you can't attend!
- Scholarships are available if you can not afford the conference costs or if funds are not available through your campus. Apply today!
- Elections for student leadership positions will be held. [Email Chance](#) if you want to learn more about these opportunities.
- An Area 10 meeting where you can connect with other affiliates from New England!
- A Silent Auction where you can bid on and win great items, including speakers, gift packages, jewelry and more. Last year this raised more than \$9,000 for BACCHUS!
- And a Friday Night special event and an awards banquet on Saturday, just for conference attendees!

2007 GA Logo

Complete details on General Assembly, including online registration, awards forms and scholarship details, are available by [clicking here](#). See you in Atlanta!

Area 10 Campus Profile: University of Maine Peer Educators

Umaine Peer Educators

These guys are juggernauts. You're looking at (from the left) Nicole Rozanski, Beth Peters, Sierran Lucey and Becky Woods, peer educators from the University of Maine - Orono.

Not only did these students and others like them help organize and run the last Area 10 Conference, they're some of the best people I've met. The University of Maine has a very active peer education program, offering students the ability to participate in Substance Abuse, Greek, Preventative Violence, Sexual Responsibility, and Student Leadership education training for credit. After a successful first year as a peer educator, some students go on to become paid employees of the college and continue to serve their college and community outside of the classroom.

I hope the University of Maine and its [Peer Educators](#) know how much they meant to Area 10 this year and I congratulate them on their success.

[Chance Dorland](#)
Area10SAC

New State Coordinators: What up

We welcome two new state coordinators to the Area 10 Leadership Team. Read on to meet them!

Laura Collins (Massachusetts)

Laura Collins, MA State Coordinator

Hi! My name is Laura Collins, and I'm the BACCHUS State Coordinator for Massachusetts. I work at Emerson College as the Coordinator for Wellness Education, and also advise Emerson's peer education group H.O.P.E. (Healthy Options Peer Educators). I have a BA in English Lit and an M.Ed. in Counseling Psychology, and have worked at Emerson for the past four years. Before that I was a graduate assistant at the Wellness Resource Center at the University of Missouri-Columbia. I'm currently taking courses toward an MS in nutrition, my latest passion.

I've always loved BACCHUS, and am so excited to be involved as a State Coordinator! In my non-work life I also love reading, writing, swimming, shopping, visiting the Museum of Science, and spending time with my family. I grew up on the Jersey shore so I also love the beach. My dislikes include waking up in the morning and sharks. Regretfully I often have to do the former, and thankfully have never encountered the latter. I'm looking forward to working with you in the year to come! Welcome back!

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Ryan Travia (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont)

Ryan completed his undergraduate and graduate training at Boston College, where he worked for six years in Alcohol & Drug Education and Judicial Affairs. During this time, Ryan was selected as the first male in University history to provide advocacy and short-term crisis intervention for the 24-hour Sexual Assault Network (SANet) helpline, which operated as part of the nationally-recognized Peer Education Network, a BACCHUS affiliate. He enjoyed a brief faculty appointment at Mount Ida College, teaching two sections of a required course for freshmen entitled, College Success, before moving on to Dartmouth College as the Coordinator of Alcohol & Other Drug Education Programs.

In August 2005, Ryan was recruited by Harvard University to serve as their first Director of Alcohol & Other Drug Services, where he is in the process of creating a comprehensive and collaborative substance abuse prevention program. Ryan has served as a consultant on alcohol and other drug issues to Dartmouth College, MIT, Swarthmore College, Outside the Classroom, Inc., the New Hampshire Traffic Safety Commission, and Fitchburg State College through the Boston University School of Public Health's Center to Prevent Alcohol-Related Problems Among Young People, Campus/Community Partnership Initiative. Ryan has been affiliated with the BACCHUS Network since 1997 and was awarded Outstanding Peer Educator for Area 10 in 1998 and Outstanding Student for Leadership in Promoting Healthy Behavior at General Assembly in 2000. Ryan credits getting his start in the field from his experiences serving as a peer educator at Boston College.

Ryan Travia, ME/NH/VT State Coordinator

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Area Consultant's Corner

Hello Area 10 advisors and peer educators!

Welcome back to another year of helping our campuses be healthier places through peer education. I hope you are as optimistic as I am about the positive impact peer educators will have over the course of the year.

I've received a few questions lately that I think are worth addressing here.

1) **Can advisors attend General Assembly even if they do not have students attending? YES!** While the majority of attendees at GA are students, there are many breakout sessions, discussion roundtables, and networking opportunities for advisors as well. Also, there will be a (free!) Advisor's College pre-conference workshop that will give you a half-day of focused time on your role as a peer education advisor. It is worth the extra time to attend (and I can say that with great sincerity, since I'm one of the facilitators this year!)

2) **When is the revised Certified Peer Educator (CPE) Training coming out? Soon!** We don't have an exact date yet, but it is very close to being completed. I expect to hear more at General Assembly, which I'll be sure to share with you. I can say that the revisions are extensive and will make the CPE an even more powerful training tool to use with your peer education group.

3) **When and where will the Area 10 conference be held?** We're close on determining this as well! I will know before General Assembly though and will send out a "save the date". Expect it to be on a weekend in late March/early April, as usual, with a one-day conference and a one-day (optional) CPE Training. For planning purposes, registration costs should be approximately \$40 per person for the conference and \$35 per person for CPE Training.

I hope this helps you with your planning. As soon as more details are available, I'll share them with you!

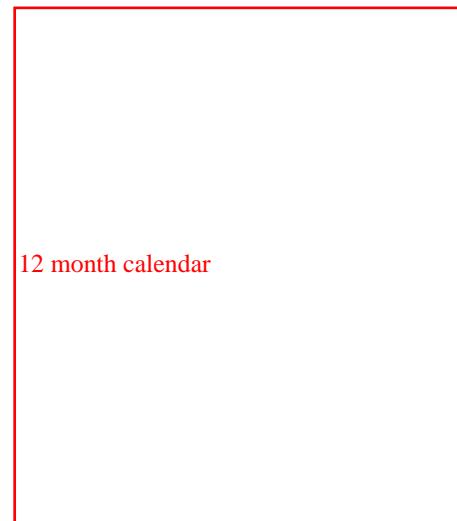
Be well...

Lisa Currie

Area 10 Consultant

Lisa Currie, Area 10
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Save the Date(s)!



General Assembly

November 8 - 11, 2007
Atlanta, GA

Tobacco Symposium on Young Adults

March 3 - 4, 2008
Sacramento, CA

Area 10 Conference

Late March/early April 2008
Somewhere in New England!

Peer Education Advisor's Conference

June 2008

Social Norms Conference

July 2008

[Click here for details on all of BACCHUS' conference and training opportunities!](#)

Inspiration!

Start With Yourself

(Author Unknown)

When I was young and free and my imagination had no limits, I dreamed of changing the world. As I grew older and wiser, I discovered the world would not change, so I shortened my sights somewhat and decided to change only my country.

But, it too, seemed immovable.

As I grew into my twilight years, in one last desperate attempt, I settled for changing only my family, those closest to me, but alas, they would have none of it.

And now as I lie on my deathbed, I suddenly realize: If I had only changed my self first, then by example I would have changed my family.

From their inspiration and encouragement, I would then have been able to better my country and, who knows, I may have

even changed the world.

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