

## **About The BACCHUS Network™**

*The BACCHUS Network™* is a university and community based network focusing on comprehensive health and safety initiatives. It is the mission of this 501(C)(3) organization to actively promote student and young adult based, campus and community-wide leadership on healthy and safe lifestyle decisions concerning alcohol abuse, tobacco use, illegal drug use, unhealthy sexual practices and other high-risk behaviors. The organization will devote the substantial portion of its resources and activities to:

- create and foster a thriving network of institutions and young adult led peer education groups supporting health and safety initiatives,
- empower students and administrators to voice their opinions and needs to create healthier and safer campus communities,
- develop and promote cutting edge resources and health promotion campaigns that support peer education, campus leadership, and activism on health and safety issues,
- provide exceptional conferencing and training opportunities for students, young adults and professionals to support health and safety strategies,
- encourage national forums on young adult health and safety concerns,
- promote and disseminate research and effective strategies that better help campuses and communities address health and safety issues, and
- advocate for effective and sensible policies and practices for campus and community health and safety issues.

Affiliates with our Network are concerned with the health of their students, their institution and their community. Students of all ages are faced with making personal decisions about health and safety. Developing positive decision-making skills impacts student life and prepares students to enter the real world and the greater community to promote healthy and safe lifestyles. BACCHUS promotes respect for state laws and support for campus policies that address high-risk behaviors that compromise health and safety.

The BACCHUS philosophy is that students can play a uniquely effective role—unmatched by professional educators—in encouraging their peers to consider, talk honestly about and develop responsible habits and attitudes toward high-risk health and safety issues.