

The HEALTH EDUCATION



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Alumni Livewire

Taking over BACCHUS!

The Bacchus Network is a non-profit organization that works with universities and young adults everywhere to promote health and safety initiatives. Within Bacchus there is a Student Advisory Committee (SAC), formed by 12 students from different universities around the country. Each student represents one of twelve areas in the country. During the 2012 spring semester the SAC of Area 10 had to step down. Our very own Emily LoTurco graciously volunteered to step into this role.

Throughout the 2012 spring and fall semesters Emily worked

diligently with the other SAC members and went to a national BACCHUS conference in November.

When the year was over Emily stepped down from her position and Cody White, a Sexpert and Health Ed office worker, put his name in to be elected Area 10's new SAC. Cody was elected at the BACCHUS General Assembly meeting. Over the 2012-2013 winter break Cody attended the SAC training in Denver, Colorado. So far Cody is working on recruiting new members to the organization, improving

BACCHUS' social media presence, and featuring the work of peer education groups across the region in a quarterly newsletter.

We expect great things from Cody throughout the rest of the year. Once again, congratulations to both Emily and Cody for stepping up and being great SAC members!



Social Media Campaign!

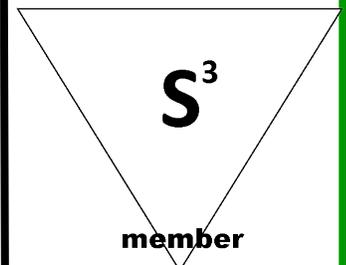
Introducing the "safer sex squad" (S3) membership program! The Health Education Office is offering a rewards program to students who visit the office. Students are given a membership card, or they can check in to the office using the Foursquare App on their smartphone. Students who have membership cards will be given a sticker each time they visit while people using the Foursquare App can show us their check-ins on their smartphones. Students will be rewarded on their fourth, eighth and twelfth visit. Examples of the rewards for each visit include: a "S3" button on the fourth visit; a condom lollipop or lollipop on the eighth visit and on the twelfth visit an eye-pillow for stress management.

We are also scheduling "character visits" for the office that will provide additional incentives for "S3" members. For example, when "Captain Condom" visits the office, or an event that we are hosting, he will give out glow-in-the-dark condoms to "S3" members only. Another example is when the "Abstinence Squad" visits the

office, or an event we are hosting, they will provide Ring Pops or bubbles to S3 members. Students are alerted to "character visits" through Facebook or Twitter.

Though we are piloting this program during the spring semester, we are hoping to do a full launch in the fall to entice students to visit the office. In the past we have tabled across campus and through the years have found our numbers to be decreasing. Through social media we hope to communicate events such as "oral health awareness" and "sleep awareness" while having materials available for distribution during our office hours. With an average of 700 students a month visiting our office, we feel strongly that this method may be a new way to interact with students. We have been using funding from the foundation account to start off this campaign.

We hope to raffle off t-shirts for the sixteenth visit with our logo on it. If you would like to support this effort, a donation is always greatly appreciated!



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Health Education Updates!

Sexpert Training

In January the Sexperts headed to the Rainbow Center for their day of training and fun! Four new Sexperts were welcomed to the group (Allison Samokar, Melisa Adiram, Chris Kegler, and Takina Pollock) and another four were shirted (Besnik Qeriqi, David Rogers, Mary Owczarzak, and Erin Dwyer)!

Safer Sex Supply Map!

Students looking for safer sex supplies or STI testing? Great news Health Ed created a Google map that shows where to find them on and around campus! The map can be found on the Health Education website (healthed.uconn.edu). The Google map not only has the addresses and names of various locations, but also what supplies each location offers!



Recent Updates

Alumni Updates

Danielle Cooney will be finishing up classes in May and starting her two field rotations for her Masters of Occupational Therapy.

Rachel Pryzby is working as a Health Communication Fellow in the Division of STD Prevention at the CDC. She also created her own business, *Resume by Rachel*.

Amanda Sullivan just finished Red Pod training, the highest level of critical care in the Emergency Department. She also went on her honeymoon to Turks and Caicos.

Paul Grabowski graduated in December with a Bachelor of Arts in Human Sexuality in Modern Society and a minor in sociology.

Natalie Fencik is working full time at St. Joseph's regional medical center in New Jersey as a Registered Nurse in the Infectious Diseases Unit.

Haley McCarthy went on her honeymoon in Waikiki on Oahu in Hawaii.

Emma Blanford is living in Manchester with her partner and working as a hall director at ECSU while pursuing a Master's in Education from Western New England University.

Nelson Bricker is working as an emergency veterinarian in Maryland. He is living with his fiancée Liz and their dog, cat, hedgehog, 3 lizards, and 3 frogs (hedgehog pictured on bottom right).

Katherine Agostine is getting married in August to her fiancée, Bill. She was also just accepted to Central Connecticut State University's Doctoral program in Educational Leadership.

Friendly Faces who visited the office: Vu Tran, Dayna Hine, Rachelle Dupuis, Emma Blanford and Pamela Kravitz (pictured on the right).



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