

## News Release

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## **NASPA welcomes BACCHUS into organization Jan. 1** *Long-time partners in promoting health and safety on college and university campuses merge*

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The leadership of NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education, is pleased to announce that The BACCHUS Network, a university and community based network focusing on comprehensive health and safety initiatives, will become part of NASPA Jan 1, 2014. The BACCHUS General Assembly voted Nov. 16 to merge with NASPA.

The BACCHUS Network has been a long-time NASPA partner in promoting student and campus-based leadership and education concerning alcohol abuse prevention, tobacco use, illegal drug use, unhealthy sexual practices and other high-risk behaviors. Bringing BACCHUS under the NASPA umbrella will expand our combined offerings in the health and safety area, while also strengthening both BACCHUS' core focus on peer education and NASPA's opportunities for undergraduate students.

Kevin Kruger, NASPA President says, "This merger between NASPA and BACCHUS significantly expands the range of resources available to student affairs professionals working in the health and wellness area. For 38 years, The BACCHUS Network has been providing networking, educational and programming opportunities to college peer health educators and their advisors on a national and regional level. We are thrilled to have all of this available to NASPA members."

"Our network and its members have tremendous knowledge, experience, expertise, and passion on health and safety issues," says Ann Quinn-Zobeck, BACCHUS Interim Executive Director. "Our membership sees that expertise and access to peer education expanding in this new relationship with NASPA."

While both organizations are already working together to make this transition, the official change will happen Jan. 1, 2014. The BACCHUS staff will continue to work out of their offices in Denver, Colo.

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