

# GAMMA FEATURED IN THE PEER EDUCATOR

Warrensburg, MO--GAMMA (Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol) at the University of Central Missouri announced their new member social was selected and published as a featured program in the national magazine The Peer Educator. The Peer Educator is a magazine available four times an academic year to all peer education groups in the United States. The magazine provides publications that recognize outstanding programming by different organizations and gives cutting edge information for programs on prevention.

GAMMA was recognized in the magazine for their outstanding New Member Social, which was a huge success with over 200 people attending. The program was held on September 21, 2009. This was a fun and interactive program that gave GAMMA members and new members of the Greek community the chance to meet and share their Greek spirit. GAMMA members explained the importance of the organization and programs they provided.

GAMMA has program goals that they strive to achieve year after year. The organization strives to educate all new Greek members on the importance of being Greek at the University of Central Missouri, provide alcohol education (on policy, BAC, and consumption), encourage Greek unity, and promote academia through the Gold Star Program. They also collaborate with other offices on campus such as, the Office of Violence and Substance Abuse Prevention, the Office of Residence and Greek Life Campus Alcohol Board, and the Office of Campus Activities. They also work with the Central's Campus Alcohol Board providing student feedback on policies and issues concerning the university and alcohol.

This summer the Office of Violence and Substance Abuse Prevention (VSAP) received the \$99,000 U.S. Department of Education grant to work with Greek Life and the Warrensburg community. GAMMA has been a strong partner and key part in helping VSAP promote responsible drinking and convey the messages of the U.S. Department of Education Grant.

GAMMA is a national organization affiliated with BACCHUS, a peer educator network founded in 1975. The organization focuses on health and safety initiatives. For more information, visit <http://www.bacchusgamma.org> or call Kelly Waldram Cramer, Marketing Manager for Housing and Greek Life, at 660-543-8121.

