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Dear Warrior:

Bacone College is committed to the elimination of alcohol abuse and illicit drug use. Alcohol abuse and illicit drug use disrupt the particular environment of personal growth that all universities seek to develop. We all must help prevent alcohol abuse and illicit drug use from negatively affecting our living and learning environment.

The summary below provides essential information on Bacone College's policy, health risks, and legal sanctions associated with alcohol and other drug abuse. Also included is information on intervention, assessments, counseling, and referrals through campus programs.

You are receiving this document per the Federal Government requirements of the Drug-Free Schools and Community Act Amendments of 1989 and the Higher Education Opportunity Act. For Bacone College to receive federal funding of any kind, including financial aid resources, all students must receive a copy of this policy. Please consider saving this email as it contains valuable information that may be of assistance to you or a friend.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this notification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program (DAAPP) Notice – for students Prevention of Alcohol Abuse & Illicit Drug Use at Bacone College Health Risks Associated with the Use of Illicit Drugs and the Abuse of Alcohol

Alcohol abuse is a prime contributor to suicide, homicide, motor vehicle deaths, and other unintended deaths. Excessive alcohol consumption leads to more than 100,000 deaths annually in the United States. Alcohol abuse can lead to alcohol dependence, premature death through overdose, alcohol-related stroke, and complications involving the brain, heart, liver, and many other organs. Alcohol abuse also causes liver disease, gastritis, anemia, and cancers of the esophagus and larynx.

The abuse of illicit drugs can result in a wide range of health problems. In general, illicit drug use can result in drug addiction, death by overdose, death from withdrawals, seizure, heart problems, infections (e.g., HIV/AIDS, hepatitis), liver disease, and chronic brain dysfunction. Alcohol used in any amount by a pregnant woman can cause congenital disabilities and permanent brain damage to the child. Drug use by a pregnant woman may cause addiction or health complications in her unborn child.

Alcohol abuse interferes with psychological functions, causes interpersonal difficulties, and is involved in most cases of child abuse. Substance abuse disrupts work, reduces motivation, causes legal and financial problems, and social and family issues. Other issues associated with alcohol and drug use include the following psychological dysfunctions: dependency, memory loss, hallucinations, paranoia, and psychosis.



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For additional health risks associated with alcohol and drug abuse:

Department of Justice, *Drugs of Abuse*, <https://www.dea.gov/documents/2017/06/15/drugs-abuse>

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, *Alcohol's Effect on the Body*,
<https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/alcohol-health/alphabets-effects-body>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Fact Sheets - Alcohol Use and Your Health*,
<https://www.cdc.gov/alcohol/fact-sheets/alcohol-use.htm>

Visit the National Institute on Drug Abuse, <https://www.drugabuse.gov/>.

For information located here at Bacone College about health risks associated with drug abuse, call the office of Vice President of Student Affairs @ (918)-360-7771.

Disciplinary Sanctions

A student found guilty of noncompliance with the Bacone College Standards of Conduct surrounding alcohol and drug policies, or the laws of the State of Oklahoma has violated College Student Rules and is subject to sanctions commensurate with the offenses and any aggravating and mitigating circumstances.

Disciplinary action in cases involving drug-related violations by students may result in suspension or expulsion from the College and referral for prosecution.

Violation of any state or federal law about controlled substances that occur off-campus and are not associated with a College connected activity may result in disciplinary charges in situations where the continued presence of the individual on campus is likely to interfere with the educational process and the orderly operation of the College.

College disciplinary proceedings will occur following the procedures outlined in the College Rules. Any disciplinary action imposed by the College may precede and be in addition to any penalty imposed by authorities off-campus.

Standards of Conduct – College Drug Policy

All members of the College community are expected to abide by state and federal laws pertaining to controlled substances and illegal drugs. More specifically, **Bacone College** student policy prohibits "the act of using, possessing, being under the influence of, manufacturing, or distributing illegal drugs or illegally obtained/possessed controlled substances."

"Controlled substances" refers to those drugs and substances whose possession, sale, or delivery results in criminal sanctions under the Oklahoma Uniformed Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, as well as substances which possess a chemical structure similar to that of a controlled substance (e.g., "designer drugs").



According to federal regulations, students convicted for a drug offense that occurred during a period of enrollment while receiving Title IV Federal Financial Aid may lose eligibility for Federal Aid. Federal Aid includes:

- Federal Pell and SEOG Grants
- Federal Work-Study
- Federal Perkins Loan
- Federal Stafford Loan
- Federal Plus Loan
- Graduate Plus Loan

Suppose a student answers 'Yes' to the question on the FAFSA regarding conviction for possession or sale of illegal drugs. In that case, they will be sent a worksheet by the federal processing center to determine if the conviction affects aid eligibility. Should the financial aid office be notified that a student has been convicted of sale or possession of illegal drugs, the financial assistance will be suspended immediately. If a conviction was reversed, set aside, or removed from the student's record, it does not count. Convictions occurring during periods of non-enrollment do not count. Any conviction received as a juvenile does not count unless they were tried as an adult. The period of ineligibility is dependent upon the type of conviction (sale or possession) and if there were previous offenses. The information below demonstrates the periods of ineligibility:

Possession of Illegal Drugs

1st offense- 1 year from date of conviction 2nd offense- 2 years from the date of conviction 3+ offenses- Indefinite Period

Sale of Illegal Drugs

1st offense- 2 years from the date of conviction 2nd offense- Indefinite period If the student was convicted of selling and possessing illegal drugs, the student will be ineligible for a more extended period.

Regaining Eligibility

The student may regain eligibility:

- the day after the period of ineligibility ends,
- when they complete a qualified drug rehabilitation program, or
- if the student passes two unannounced drug tests given by an eligible rehabilitation program, they may regain eligibility.

Students denied eligibility for an indefinite period can regain it after:

- completing a rehabilitation program as described below,
- passing two unannounced drug tests from such a program, or



· if a conviction is reversed, set aside, or removed from the student's record so that fewer than two sentences for sale or three convictions for possession remain on the record. In such cases, the nature and dates of the remaining convictions will determine when the student regains eligibility.

Qualified Drug Rehabilitation Program

A qualified drug rehabilitation program must include at least two unannounced drug tests and must satisfy at least one of the following requirements:

- Be eligible to receive funds directly or indirectly from a federal, state, or local government
- Be eligible to receive payment directly or indirectly from a federally or state-licensed insurance company
- Be administered or recognized by a federal, state, or local government agency or court
- Be administered or recognized by a federal or state-licensed hospital, health clinic, or medical doctor.

The College has no responsibility to pay for the test or rehab services!

Additional drug convictions will make the student ineligible for federal aid again. It is the student's responsibility to certify to the school that the student has successfully completed the rehabilitation program.

Standards of Conduct – College Alcohol Policy

Individuals must be at least 21 years old to purchase alcoholic beverages. Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages are restricted. **Bacone College is a dry campus. The College student code of conduct** states that "alcohol use, possession, manufacturing, or distribution of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on **Bacone College** premises and College-sponsored events." College-sponsored events include institution-sponsored on or off-campus activities, such as officially sanctioned field trips, student-sponsored social activities, activities of a student organization recognized by the institution (such as fraternities or sororities), and institutional-sponsored activities abroad.

Students, ages 21 or older, can legally purchase and consume alcohol **BUT cannot** possess, store, or consume alcohol on Bacone College property, including dorms, parking areas, or any property owned operated or controlled by Bacone College. Students who are 21 years of age or older and consume alcoholic beverages off-campus and then return to campus have a duty and moral obligation to maintain peace in the dorms and recognize other students' rights to privacy, sleep, and quiet study time. Disruption may lead to disciplinary actions up to and including expulsion, suspension, and or criminal charges.

Resources and Counseling Services

To help individuals who may have an alcohol or other drug abuse problem, the following resources are available to Bacone College students. Bacone students who come forward seeking help for drug or alcohol abuse or addiction will receive assistance in seeking out help. Students who come forward will not be judged, ridiculed, or punished in any way for seeking help. They shall



furthermore have confidence that their situation shall be handled with the utmost privacy and compassion. Bacone College will help the student find help but will in no way incur the cost of a student's rehab.

Narconon Arrowhead Drug & Alcohol Rehab

Addiction treatment center
Canadian, OK
(877-508-8151)

Green Country Mental Health and Substance Abuse
619 N Main St. Muskogee OK 74401
(918)-682-8407

Monarch

Addiction treatment center
Muskogee, OK
(918) 683-0124

New Pathways

Counselor
Muskogee, OK
(918) 682-7797

Legal Sanctions

A student who violates any of these alcohol or drug laws will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency and subject to prosecution per the law. Legal sanctions for violation of local, state, and federal laws may include, but not limited to, fines, probation, jail, or prison sentences.

Sale to Minors: It is a misdemeanor to sell an alcoholic beverage to an individual under 21 years of age.

Public Intoxication Statute of Oklahoma: An arrest for Public Intoxication may occur if an individual appears in a public place while intoxicated so much that the person may endanger himself or herself or another person or is causing a disturbance.

Purchase of Alcohol for a Minor; Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor: It is a misdemeanor to purchase or make an alcoholic beverage available to an individual under 21 years of age. This offense is punishable by a fine of \$5,00.00 and confinement in the County jail for up to one year.

Civil Liability for Provision of Alcohol to a Minor: An adult 21 years of age or older upon conviction of providing alcohol to a minor can be held civilly liable for damages caused by an intoxicated minor.

Possession of Alcoholic Beverage in Motor Vehicle: It is a misdemeanor to knowingly possess an open container in a passenger area of a motor vehicle located on a public highway, regardless of whether the vehicle is being operated or is stopped or parked.



Driving While Intoxicated; Flying or Boating While Intoxicated: 1st offense is a misdemeanor to operate a motor vehicle or watercraft in a public place while intoxicated. The minimum term of confinement is one year in the county jail and a \$1,000.00. An ignition interlock device will have to be installed on the car of a person convicted of driving with a blood-alcohol level of .08 or more if the defendant is to receive probation. Persons under 21 can receive a DUI conviction for an alcohol blood level of .02%

While Driving Intoxicated has an auto accident that leads to the death of another individual, Felony Charges of **Negligent Homicide or Vehicular Manslaughter** is punishable by significant fines and imprisonment in the state prison.

Administrative License Revocation; Implied Consent: After being arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, failing, or refusing the Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) test can result in license revocation.

Alcohol and a Minor

Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor; Possession of Alcohol by a Minor: It is a misdemeanor for minors to consume or possess alcoholic beverages except in the visible presence of the minor's adult parent, guardian, or spouse.

Purchase of Alcohol by a Minor; Attempt to Purchase Alcohol: It is a misdemeanor for individuals under 21 years of age to attempt purchasing alcoholic beverages. "Attempt" implies acting beyond mere preparation.

Misrepresentation of Age by a Minor: It is a misdemeanor to falsely state or present false documents indicating that an individual is 21 years of age or older to a person selling or serving alcoholic beverages.

Attendance at Alcohol Awareness Course; License suspension

On the first conviction of an alcohol-related offense, the court shall require the person to attend an alcohol awareness course. In the state of Oklahoma, this would be what is called THE VICTIMS IMPACT PANEL.

Bacone College strives to create a safe, healthy, learning environment free of the burdens of Drug and Alcohol Abuse or Addiction.