Members of Panthers Promoting Healthy Decisions (PHDs), Brandi Hairston, Daisha Kiser, Demarcus Webb Patoria Kyles, Pierre Johnson, Rachel Martin, and Tramale Kemp, attended The Bacchus Network™ General Assembly in Orlando FL.

BACCHUS is a network of more than 32,000 student leaders and advisors who work with over eight million peers on more than 900 campuses throughout the world. It is a university, community based network focusing on comprehensive health, and safety initiatives comprised of twelve areas with prestigious institutions such as Harvard, Columbia, Rutgers, UCLA, UT-San Antonio, Tulane and PVAMU.

Brandi Hairston, a junior, Nutrition Major from Inglewood California will represent Area 6 and PVAMU for the next year. This is a wonderful achievement for The Panthers PHDs, Health Services, and PVAMU. Area 6 covers the university/college affiliates in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. This is the first time in 42-year history a HBCU student has been selected to represent Area 6.

Panthers PHDs operates under Health Promotion & Health Education, Program Director, Mr. Gregory Rose, which is under PVAMU's Department of Student Health Services.

The students who attended the conference have returned energized to share first with other Panther PHDs, who will then spread health promotion & education throughout the campus and community. Panther PHDs will continue to educate and empower students and the community regarding Healthy lifestyles.

Health Services is proud to have such an organization under its wings to actively promote student and young adult based, campus and community-wide leadership on healthy and safe lifestyle decisions concerning alcohol abuse, tobacco use, nutrition, diabetes, hypertension, illegal drug use, unhealthy sexual practices and other high-risk behaviors.