

Next Bergren Forum celebrates food, richness of Florentine life

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Alfred University senior English major Anne Pellicciotti will present the University's next Bergren Forum, "At the Spadas' Table: Celebrating Food and the Richness of Life with a Florentine Family," on Thursday, March 22. The program begins at 12:10 p.m. in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center, and is open to the public free of charge. Pellicciotti, from Munster, Ind., will share her memorable dining experiences with her Italian host family while studying abroad in Florence, Italy. She is giving the presentation as the winner of the Phi Beta Kappa Wit and Wisdom Competition, a freeform writing competition whose grand prize also included \$250. A marketing minor, Pellicciotti spent spring semester 2011 in Florence as part of the Gonzaga University-in-Florence Program. Her creative writing submission focused on how dining with her host family helped close the language barrier. The Bergren Forum, sponsored by the Alfred University division of Human Studies and the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, meets Thursdays during each academic semester at the University while classes are in session. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch; coffee and tea will be provided.