

Bergren Forum to highlight lack of certified trainers in high school athletics

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The Alfred University Bergren Forum presents "Concussions in New York State High School Athletes: Who is Treating Your Children?" a discussion by Chris Yartym, director of athletics training at AU. The program begins at 12:10 p.m. in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center on Thursday, April 26 and is open to the public free of charge. Yartym will discuss the growing concern regarding the lack of certified athletic trainers employed by secondary schools. Nationally, there are more than 7.6 million high school athletes participating in secondary school events, but only some 6,400 certified athletics trainers work in the 18,400 schools where those athletes are students, said Yartym. Without certified athletics trainers, injuries are far more likely to be overlooked, which leads to more serious injuries that can possibly end an athlete's career, he maintained. Yartym earned a bachelor of science degree from Ithaca College and a master of science degree from Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Ind. The Bergren Forum, sponsored by the Alfred Division of Human Studies and the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, meets Thursdays during each academic semester at the University. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch: coffee and tea will be available.