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***Sixth Annual NCAA-DoD  
Grand Alliance Concussion Conference***



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# THANK YOU!



## NCAA-U.S. Department of Defense Grand Alliance Concussion Conference Presenters

### 6th NCAA-DoD Grand Alliance Concussion Conference | [Recordings Now Available](#)

The U-M Concussion Center proudly hosted the 6th NCAA-DoD Grand Alliance Concussion Conference on April 24, 2024. During this virtual event, concussion experts and researchers worldwide shared preliminary and recently publicized data with more than 900 attendees, including clinicians, athletic trainers, coaches, and administrators.

[View Recordings](#)

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**Please note:** the video content represents the views and opinions of the presenters and does not necessarily represent those of the NCAA or U-M Concussion Center.

### Center Happening



#### Center Member Darryl Conway Inducted into the NATA Hall of Fame

The National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) honors athletic trainers who are making lasting contributions to advancing the profession and enhancing the quality of care for athletes. Center member **Darryl Conway**, Senior Associate Athletic Director and Chief Health and Welfare Officer for Michigan Athletics, was inducted into NATA's Hall of Fame on June 26, 2024. His dedication and contributions to the field are truly inspiring.

[Meet Darryl](#)



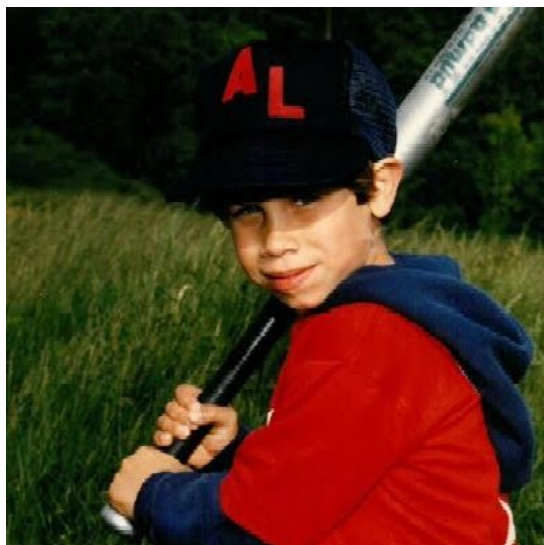
## **M** | CONCUSSION CENTER Presenters

### Concussion Center Members Participated in the 2024 American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) Annual Meeting

The American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting, held in Boston from May 28-31, 2024, was a remarkable event showcasing invaluable research and insightful presentations. The U-M Concussion Center was prominently represented by its members, trainees, and alumni, who delivered presentations that contributed to the conference's success.

[Read the story](#)

### Member Spotlight



#### Member Spotlight: Faculty Council Co-Lead Dr. Phil Veliz

Dr. Philip Veliz is an associate research professor at the University of Michigan School of Nursing's Applied Biostatistics laboratory. Having participated in multiple sports and experienced head injuries himself from a young age, Dr. Veliz is passionate about understanding the benefits of sports participation during childhood and adolescence, the prevalence of head injuries, and their long-term consequences. Currently, he sits on the faculty council with the Concussion Center and co-leads the "Michigan Alumni Neurological Health Study" with Dr. JT Eckner. In a recent interview, Dr. Veliz shared his aspirations for his research, advice for students, and the inspiration that drives him.

[Meet Phil](#)

**Sarah Boeke wins the Rosalie Ginsberg  
Community Service Award**





Rising Senior and Pop-Up Safety Town Curriculum development lead, Sarah Boeke, was honored with the Rosalie Ginsberg Dedicated Community Service Award at this year's M-Lead Leadership Ceremony. This award recognizes an individual and group who made a positive, meaningful, and lasting impact in surrounding communities through social action and community engagement. In a recent interview, Sarah shared her aspirations and the impactful work she has done with Pop-Up Safety Town.

[Meet Sarah](#)

## DEIJ in Action

### Pop-Up Safety Town Teaches Kids How to Avoid Common Dangers

The initiative, now part of the U-M Concussion Center, provides critical education on concussion prevention, pedestrian and medication safety and dog bite prevention to communities across the state. The initiative travels the state and provides age-focused injury prevention resources to Michigan's underserved and rural communities, including Hillsdale, Grand Rapids, Flint, Jackson, Ypsilanti, Detroit, Addison, Durand, Whitmore Lake, Hamtramck and some tribal communities.

Pop-up Safety Town will expand to Florida, Georgia and South Carolina within the next year as part of the AAP Community Access to Child Health grant program and AAA funding.

[Read Full Story from Michigan News](#)



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# Pop-Up Safety Town

2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR OVERVIEW

- 9 LOCATIONS**  
Ypsilanti, Adrian, Whitmore Lake, Hamtramck, Pinecreek Reservation, Grand Rapids, Eaton Rapids, Flint, Jackson
- 1,000+ HELMETS**  
Over 1,000 helmets were fitted and given to children!
- 2,200+ ATTENDANCE**  
Over 2,200 children and community members participated in Pop-Up Safety events!
- 170+ VOLUNTEERS**  
Over 170 volunteers attended, totalling **over 680 hours** of volunteer work.

Flint, MI  
June 9, 2024

A large group photograph of many people, mostly young women, wearing purple and blue t-shirts. They are posed in several rows, smiling for the camera.

Credit: Michigan News (Jeremy Marble, Greta Guest)

## Upcoming Events



MARYGROVE CONSERVANCY

# BLOCK PARTY

**Sat, Aug 10, 2024**  
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

The poster features several circular images: a group of women in black dresses, a woman at a table, a child on a horse, and a couple. The background is a textured, light green color.

### Marygrove Block Party 2024

Are you going to be in the metro Detroit area on **Saturday, August 10, 2024**? Join us and the Brain Injury Association of Michigan (BIAMI) at the Marygrove Conservancy Block Party, where free bike helmets and educational resources will be provided to community members free of charge. Organized by the Marygrove Conservancy, this event will showcase community programs, family-friendly activities, and more. **This event is FREE, but please RSVP to attend.**

RSVP

## Research Participation Opportunities



### Pediatric TBI Caregivers

Share your experience caring for an individual with a disability or complex medical care needs due to traumatic brain injury in childhood. Parents, school aides, and home health workers are invited to participate.

**TOYOTA way forward FUND**

- Focus group
- \$30 for participation
- Can be done from home

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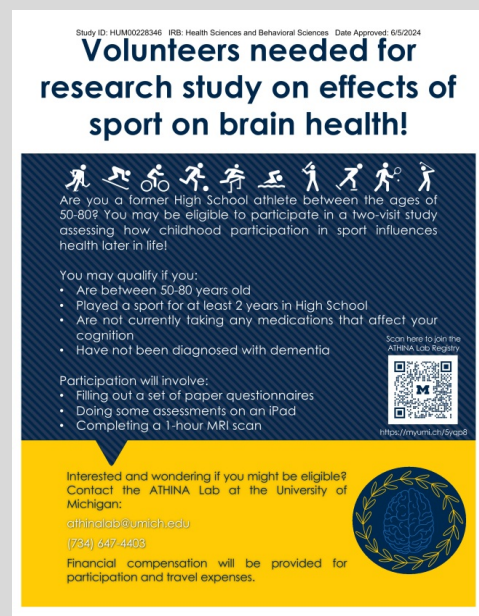
Study coordinator: Megan Thompson  
MiCareTBI@umich.edu  
Text 734-274-9517

MICARE ASSISTANT  
PEDIATRIC TBI

HUM00251383

Center member **Dr. Alecia Daunter** and her MiCare Assistant team is looking for the caregivers of individuals who have suffered a Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury.

Scan the QR code or click the button to participate!



Study ID: HUM00226346 IRB: Health Sciences and Behavioral Sciences Date Approved: 6/5/2024

### Volunteers needed for research study on effects of sport on brain health!

Are you a former High School athlete between the ages of 50-80? You may be eligible to participate in a two-visit study assessing how childhood participation in sport influences health later in life!

You may qualify if you:

- Are between 50-80 years old
- Played a sport for at least 2 years in High School
- Are not currently taking any medications that affect your cognition
- Have not been diagnosed with dementia

Participation will involve:

- Filling out a set of paper questionnaires
- Doing some assessments on an iPad
- Completing a 1-hour MRI scan

Interested and wondering if you might be eligible? Contact the ATHINA Lab at the University of Michigan:  
athinalab@umich.edu  
(734) 647-4403  
Financial compensation will be provided for participation and travel expenses.

Scan here to join the ATHINA Lab Registry

https://www.athinalab.org

Center member **Dr. Eleanna Varangis** and the **ATHINA Lab** are looking for volunteers between 50-80 years old who played a sport for at least 2 years in high school to participate in a research study. To learn more, please email: [athinalab@umich.edu](mailto:athinalab@umich.edu) or call 734-647-4403.



Express Interest

NOTE: participants will be reimbursed for travel (\$0.67/mile up to 25 miles one way).

## Upcoming Changes to CME Credit Claiming



Have you tuned into one of our Speaker Series recordings in the past year but have not claimed your CME credits? **Please claim all credits for University of Michigan CME activities by Monday, July 8.** Credits claimed by this date will transfer seamlessly to the new platform. Unclaimed credits for activities before July 8, 2024, will require a special request to record them in the new platform.

## Concussion Headliners Podcast



Do you ever wonder how concussion researchers got interested in the field? Or, what motivates people to promote brain health every day? Join us for some informal conversations with world-renowned concussion researchers, clinicians, and advocates to get to know them a little better.

Tune in today

### Check out our recent episodes:



Tune in as we speak with Dr. Robert Cantu, Medical Director at the Cantu. A California native, Dr. Cantu shares his love for jazz music and baseball, along with his journey into concussion care.

Meet Dr. Cantu



Dr. Schneider shared the journey of her family's travels that led her to Calgary, discussed her diverse background in multiple sports, and provided valuable insights on improvements in concussion care.

Meet Dr. Schneider



Dr. Grant Iverson, a neuropsychology specialist & clinician scientist in mild TBI & mental health, shares his experiences of growing up on a farm with his family, & his journey into sport concussion research.

Meet Dr. Iverson

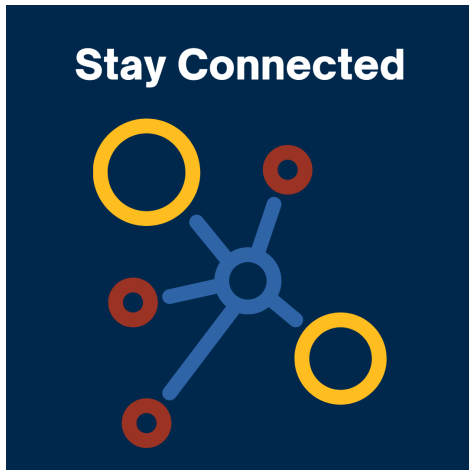
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