

# U of M Football player falls to substance use...and gets back up!

## PERSEVERANCE

WITH SPECIAL GUEST **DR. BILLY TAYLOR**

Former University of Michigan Running Back and MVP



### Timeline of Events

6:00 PM • Registration & Free Pizza

6:30 PM • Perseverance

7:30 PM • Panelist Intro:

- Dr. Billy Taylor
- Deb Smith, PhD (Wellness, InX)
- Patricia Wheeler (National Council on Alcoholism)
- Joel Hoepfner (CMH: Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency)

7:35 PM • Open Discussion with Panelists

8:40 PM • Wrap-Up

**When:**

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013  
**(doors open at 6 pm)**

**Location:**

Peckham Conference Center  
3510 Capital City Blvd., Lansing, MI, 48906



Billy Taylor knows what it means to have it all—and to watch it all fall away. In his senior year of high school Billy was in high demand by college recruiters. As a college football superstar, he shattered records at the University of Michigan and was drafted into the NFL.

Unfortunately, he also encountered severe personal loss and injuries, sidelining his football career. Depression, drugs, and alcoholism contributed to his eventual divorce. Billy endured some of the worst situations imaginable before getting back up with the help of legendary U of M Head Coach Bo Schembechler.

In 1997 Billy Taylor had his last drink. He decided to pursue a doctorate degree, which he earned in 2003 from the University of Nevada—Las Vegas. Dr. Taylor now tours the country teaching people to persevere through difficult times by always getting back up.



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Join us as we celebrate 50 years of Community Mental Health with FREE pizza and soft drinks provided. Following the film there will be a door prize drawing for 3 autographed footballs.

**Admission is FREE but seating is limited, so be sure to REGISTER following these steps:**

Go to [www.perseverance.eventbrite.com](http://www.perseverance.eventbrite.com) and register using Facebook or email.  
It is not necessary to print your ticket.

OR

Contact Jim Geisen to reserve your seat — [geisen@ceicmh.org](mailto:geisen@ceicmh.org) — (517) 346-9512

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