



WINTER 2018

BRAIN POWER

BIANYS hosts popular Rose Day Campaign in the Capital Region raising nearly \$9,000



From left to right: Rose Day Coordinator Judith Duckor, BIANYS Executive Director Eileen Reardon, SUNY Albany President Dr. Havidán Rodríguez and BIANYS FACTS program participant Sara Orleanski.

BIANYS announces return of Professional Symposium and Annual Conference to Saratoga Springs June 12-14, 2018.



Dr. Steven Flanagan of Rusk Rehabilitation gives opening remarks at BIANYS Professional Symposium June 14, 2017 in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.



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JOIN US FOR ADVOCACY DAY

Join BIANYS in Albany on March 20, 2018

The Brain Injury Association of New York State is organizing another day of action, visibility and advocacy on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. Bring your friends, family and community members to Albany to share your experience and be an advocate. Meet with legislators and learn about the legislative process, address current issues and show your support for brain injury awareness.

"The Brain Injury Association is honored to once again organize an Advocacy Day where hundreds will join us in Albany to be the voice for thousands of New Yorkers who are in need of vital services," said Eileen Reardon, Executive Director of BIANYS. "It is more important than ever to let our legislators know that they need to work hard to protect services for one of the most vulnerable populations in the state."

Advocates will have the opportunity to share their personal stories about brain injury. Providers and organizations are asked to help bring survivors, family members, friends, and professionals by organizing a group from your area to travel together.

Contact Victoria Clingan, Director of Engagement and Advocacy at vclingan@bianys.org for more information or visit bianys.org to register today.

MESSAGE FROM BIANYS BOARD PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Pictured Left to Right: BIANYS Board President Barry Dain, 2017 Champion of Hope Award recipient Douglas Sawyer and BIANYS Executive Director Eileen Reardon.

The Board of Directors and staff of the Brain Injury Association of New York State (BIANYS) are excited to share our mission based work as we kick off 2018. As always, our work would not be possible without the tremendous support and investment of our volunteers, donors, corporate partners and, most importantly, our members.

As we head into the new year we are proud to announce changes to our Corporate Partner and Membership program. Visit our website for the latest benefits and updates and don't forget to take advantage of our professional development opportunities with our first webinar in the series presented by Andrew Hess, PhD coming February 13.

March is just around the corner and planning for Brain Injury Awareness Month with the continuation of our Blue Jeans for Brain Injury Campaign and our annual Advocacy Day in Albany. We hope you will join us during this important month to raise awareness and understanding of brain injury and how it effects thousands in New York State.

As we continue to strive to provide more opportunities to engage with our members, we hope to see you at one of our upcoming events in 2018!

This is an exciting time for BIANYS and we are glad to share this journey with you.

BARRY DAIN EILEEN REARDON
President Executive Director

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JOURNEY OF HOPE GALA

Kenneth B. Goldblatt, Esq. and Lori Goldblatt served as this year's honorary chairs

The Brain Injury Association of New York State (BIANYS) hosted its 10th Annual Journey of Hope Gala at the Manhattan Penthouse on Wednesday, October 4. Attendees enjoyed an evening celebrating the courageous individuals and families impacted by brain injury across the state.

BIANYS provides resources, support groups, training, prevention programs and other services to help individuals with brain injury and their families. Since its inception, more than \$975,000 has been raised through our annual gala with proceeds supporting programs and services.

Guests enjoyed fine foods, music, a Discover New York silent auction featuring high-end prizes and an open bar. The organization also presented awards to the following honorees for making significant contributions to the brain injury community: the Corporate Citizen Award was awarded to AHRC New York City; the Leadership Award was awarded to Jenna Mosenson; the Champion of Hope Award was awarded to Douglas Sawyer and the Victory Award was awarded to Brad Berman.

Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate the courageous individuals and families impacted by brain injury



BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

BIANYS announces plans for Brain Injury Awareness Month in March with continuation of annual Blue Jeans for Brain Injury Campaign

Blue Jeans for Brain Injury is an annual campaign organized by the Brain Injury Association of New York State that runs during Brain Injury Awareness Month in March. Organizations throughout the state are invited to join efforts to raise awareness of brain injury and organize individual fundraising events to support BIANYS. All proceeds benefit programs and services provided by BIANYS

To register as a site to host a Blue Jeans for Brain Injury event or to find out more information about BIANYS, please call (518) 459-7911 or visit www.bianys.org.

BIANYS CONCUSSION UPDATE

BIANYS announces new Co-Chair of the Concussion Initiative Advisory Committee and projects to address issues related to concussion in New York Schools.

In January, BIANYS announced the appointment of Brian Rieger, PhD as the new Co-Chair of the Concussion Initiative Advisory Committee. A brain injury specialist, Dr. Rieger is the Director of the Upstate Concussion Center in Syracuse, NY and an Assistant Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at SUNY Upstate Medical Center. Dr. Rieger will support the committee in his new role alongside BIANYS Board Member and Concussion Initiative Advisory Co-Chair Andrew Hess, PhD.

The Concussion Initiative Advisory Committee continues to work to address issues related to concussion in New York schools. Most recently, the Advisory Committee reviewed the draft updates to the Guidelines for Concussion Management in the School Setting, issued by the New York State Education Department (NYSED). They issued recommendations to improve the Guidelines and ensure that adequate assistance is provided to all students and student-athletes post injury. The Committee will continue to work with NYSED on follow-up to those recommendations.

In late 2017, the Committee also supported the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health to plan and present a Grand Rounds program on Concussion featuring presentations from three Advisory Committee Members. As part of their Committee's continued efforts to address concussion, the Advisory Committee will also host roundtable programs in New York City and Western N.Y. in the spring of 2018 to gain feedback from preeminent experts in concussion across New York State.

BIANYS FAMILY FUND HELPS FACTS FAMILY IN WESTERN N.Y.

FACTS Coordinator serving Niagara County helps family get new wheelchair accessible ramp for daughter



Pictured: Before Photo



Pictured: After Photo

Wendy Verrall, a BIANYS staff member serving Western N.Y., met the Bergeron family through her work as a FACTS Coordinator. Wendy initially met the family at their home and after her first visit quickly realized the ramp they were currently using to get their daughter, Christina, in and out of their home was unsafe and difficult to navigate. Christina has a brain injury and is completely wheelchair bound. Knowing how much the family relies on the ramp, Wendy worked with the family to fill out a BIANYS Family Fund application which was able to provide the supplies for the new ramp. The Bergeron's neighbor donated the labor for the project. Now the family has a safe ramp to use for years to come.

2018 PROFESSIONAL SYMPOSIUM & ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HOLIDAY INN | SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY

June 12, 2018 - CBIS Training and Professional Symposium

June 13-14, 2018 - "One Voice for Brain Injury" Annual Conference

REGISTER NOW AT BIANYS.ORG

CERTIFIED BRAIN INJURY SPECIALIST (CBIS) TRAINING

This class is offered by the Brain Injury Association of New York State and is specifically designed to help review material for the certification examination and to strengthen the network of dedicated, competent brain injury specialists across NYS. Space is limited, contact Karen Thomas at kthomas@bianys.org for more details.

PROFESSIONAL SYMPOSIUM

The Professional Symposium brings together professionals and specialists in the fields of brain injury medicine and rehabilitation. The program will offer the chance to learn about advances in treatment, network with other professionals in the field and gain access to cutting-edge research and information. Certified Education Units (CEU's) for Certified Brain Injury Specialists and other professionals as well as Contact Hours for Social Work will be provided to attendees. Live stream is available for professionals who are unable to attend in-person. Contact Victoria Clingan for more information at vclingan@bianys.org.

36TH ANNUAL "ONE VOICE FOR BRAIN INJURY" CONFERENCE

This two-day conference, which is open to professionals, brain injury service providers and consumers will contain a variety of workshops including: professional presentations, panel discussions and delivery of personal testimonials from brain injury survivors and their family members.

COST

CBIS Review Class & Exam	\$575	
	Member	Non-Member
Professional Symposium in person	\$200	\$225
Professional Symposium Live Stream	\$150	\$175
2-Day Conference	\$300	\$350
Professional Symposium & 2-Day Conference	\$350	\$450

Scholarships: Annual Conference Scholarships are available for BIANYS Members. Please visit bianys.org to download the application or contact Debbie Chilandese for details at dchilandese@bianys.org.

Lodging Information: A block of rooms has been set aside at the Holiday Inn, 232 Broadway in Saratoga Springs at a special rate for conference attendees \$149+ tax! Call 518-584-4550 or visit www.saratogahi.com to reserve today. Use code: IJ3.

Call for Workshop proposals is now open for the 2018 Annual Conference. Deadline for submission is February 16. Visit www.bianys.org for more details.

The BIANYS "One Voice for Brain Injury" Annual Conference and Professional Symposium is made possible with the support of our generous underwriters. For more information, visit bianys.org or contact Erica Rossin at 518-459-7911 or erossin@bianys.org.



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