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## Ex-boxer to speak at Brain Injury Conference

ALBANY — Geneva native Ray Ciancaglini, a former professional boxer and award-winning concussion awareness activist, will be the keynote speaker for the 32nd annual Brain Injury Association of New York State Conference at the Albany Marriott.

Ciancaglini's address, which is scheduled for Friday, will touch on his personal story, which has been the subject of two New York AP and New York News Publishers award-winning stories, and his instrumental role in getting passed into law the Concussion Management Awareness Act, for which he was honored with the New York Executive Chamber Award and the Rochester Hickok Hero Award.

Ciancaglini founded The Second Impact ([www.thesecondimpact.com](http://www.thesecondimpact.com)) Concussion Education Program and tours high schools, colleges and universities — all free of charge — with his message, lecturing athletes about the possible ramifications of not addressing concussions properly.



**Ciancaglini**

A member of the Rochester Boxing Hall of Fame and the Geneva Sports Hall of Fame, Ciancaglini's boxing career was layered with many accolades, most notably the Golden Glove Heart Award and the Jerry Flynn Courage Award. He fought from 1966-74.

Ciancaglini has battled Parkinson's Syndrome and Dementia Pugilistica (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy) for many years as a direct result of numerous untreated concussions he suffered. Ciancaglini has been participating in several CTE research studies at the Boston University School of Medicine (Study of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy) and has donated his brain upon his death.

The two-day Brain Injury Conference consists of a Professional Symposium Thursday and the keynote speech headlining Friday's cast of guest speakers. All children and teen brain injury survivors attending the conference will receive a complimentary Everlast boxing glove and boxing photo personally autographed by Ciancaglini.

The Second Impact, Everlast and Seneca Meadows sponsored the glove signing, and The Second Impact, Geneva Frame Shop, Seneca Falls Wilson Press and New York Collegiate Baseball League sponsored the photo/portrait signing.