

Synapse Conference Agenda

MARCH 27 2026

10:00 - 10:15 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks
10:15 - 11:00 AM	Student Organization Colloquium and Book Signing
11:05 - 11:35 AM	Keynote Speaker: David Brody, M.D., Ph.D. <i>Uniformed Services University</i>
11:40 - 12:25 PM	Panel Discussion: Clinical Ava Panetto – Hospital for Special Surgery Joelle Sacks – Brain Injury Research Center of Mt. Sinai Kamran Fallahpour, Ph.D. – Brain Resource Center Laura Morgan, MS – <i>Sound Mind Insights</i> Mehrdad Golzad, M.D. – <i>NYC Traumatic Brain Injury & Memory Center</i>
12:25 - 1:10 PM	Networking and Lunch (provided)
1:15 - 1:45 PM	Keynote Speaker: Ray Ciancaglini
1:50 - 2:35 PM	Panel Discussion: Innovation John O'Donnell, Ph.D. – <i>University of Pennsylvania</i> Melissa Noble, MSW – <i>New Jersey Institute of Technology</i> Seth Lederman, M.D. – <i>Tonix Pharmaceuticals</i>
2:40 - 3:10 PM	Keynote Speaker: Tara Alvarez, Ph.D. <i>New Jersey Institute of Technology</i>
3:10 - 3:55 PM	Panel Discussion: Survivor Alexa Casciano – Director of Applied AI Craig Philips – Creator and Founder, Second Chance to Live Scott Albrecht – Artist Wyatt Buerkle – Columbia University
3:55 - 4:00 PM	Closing Remarks

