



A Legacy of Learning



The Jon E. Nadherny/Calciano Symposium celebrates its 20th anniversary

In fall of 1995, shortly after graduating from college, the son of retired Dominican Hospital cardiologist Anthony Calciano, MD, and Linda Calciano, PhD, committed suicide. He was only 23 years old.

“Our family was devastated,” says Linda, who also serves as a board member of the Dominican Hospital Foundation. “Myself, I wanted to fall apart. I knew I had to find some way for us to focus and turn that emotional energy into a positive journey for the family, but I didn’t know what that journey was at the time.”

Linda and her husband met with Bob Semas, former executive director of the Dominican Hospital Foundation, to find a way to commemorate their son and prevent other similar tragedies from occurring in the future. Together, they created the Jon E. Nadherny/Calciano Memorial Youth Symposium, which provides ongoing education to medical professionals, students, and the community about mental health and other relevant issues facing our youth.

To involve more young people, Linda and the Symposium Advisory Board set up a scholarship program, allowing interested high school and college students to attend.

The previous 19 symposia covered a range of topics, from substance abuse to bullying, and featured a variety of world-renowned speakers. The 20th annual symposium

in March 2018 will focus on the effects and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder.

“Over the past twenty years, the symposium has had such an incredibly positive effect on my family and the community. I hope it continues to grow, because the ultimate goal, for myself and my family, is to prevent suicide. An endowment helps to support the program, funded by numerous community members over the years. Their donations are very much appreciated.” —Linda Calciano, PhD

To register or learn more about the upcoming event on March 2, 2018 visit supportdominican.org/symposium



2017 Scholarship recipients and family at this year's Jon E. Nadherny/Calciano Symposium (from left to right): Andrew Villamil, Alexandra Bergman, Lily Stolz, and Nicholas Calciano.



Murat Pakyurek, MD, and Catherine Fassbender, PhD, presented on ADHD.



Julie Schweitzer, PhD, discussing diagnosis and treatment of ADHD.