

# COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES NEWS

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## **Drake Pharmacy and Health Sciences Day to focus on disease prevention**

Drake University students devote a day to focus on "Taking the Lead in Preventing Disease" on Tuesday, Feb. 17. The annual Pharmacy and Health Sciences Day is organized by students in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.



Mary Mincer Hansen

The event will kick off with a keynote speech by public health expert Mary Mincer Hansen, associate professor at Des Moines University. She previously served as director of Iowa Department of Public Health, associate professor at Drake and president of Iowa Public Health Foundation.

In her talk, Mincer Hansen will explore public health and disease prevention. The event, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 9 a.m. in Sheslow Auditorium.

Throughout the day, students will participate in mini discussions and professional development activities. They will discuss topics including financial planning after graduation, interdisciplinary relationships amongst health professionals and current health care issues.

In addition, students in Drake's Rx (Pharmacy) Unified Group of Students (DRxUGS) organization will conduct a live and silent auction.

The college also will announce the Preceptor, Mentor and Teacher of the Year Awards and the Hartig Faculty Development Award, Hartig Distinguished Professor Award and Alumni Achievement Awards. Student awards and scholarships also will be announced.