



Mankato &
North Mankato



DEMENTIA RESEARCH SUMMIT

Tuesday, October 20, 2026
8am-4pm
Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center

KEYNOTE SESSION

Making Sense of Dementia: From Causes to Treatments and Promising Research

Dr. Ryan Coburn, Neurologist, Mayo Clinic

PANEL DISCUSSION

The Landscape of Research in Minnesota

Panelists: Robyn Birkeland, Ph.D., University of Minnesota; Dr. Ryan Coburn, Mayo Clinic; Heidi Haley-Franklin, Alzheimer's Association; Leah Hanson, Ph.D., HealthPartners; Angela Lunde, Mayo Clinic. Moderator: Debbie Richman, START Senior Solutions

OTHER SESSIONS

The Nun Study: Iconic Insights that Shifted our Understanding of Dementia

Joyce Kolbet, School Sister of Notre Dame (SSND)
Dr. Ryan Coburn, Neurologist, Mayo Clinic

Beyond Memory: The Transformative Power of the Arts

Angela Lunde, Associate in Neurology, Mayo Clinic

Supporting Brain Health in Our Community: From U.S POINTER to Everyday Habits

Heidi Haley-Franklin, Vice President, Programs, Alzheimer's Association MN-ND Chapter.

Beyond the Diagnosis: Finding Hope Again

Angela Lunde, Associate in Neurology, Mayo Clinic

Participants will hear a performance from Singing Hills Chorus at the end of the summit!

EXHIBITORS

Alzheimer's Association
The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration
Blue Cross® Blue Shield® Center for Rural Behavioral Health
Minnesota State University, Mankato
Chesley Center for Aging
Minnesota State University, Mankato
College of Allied Health and Nursing
Minnesota State University, Mankato
Cottagewood Senior Communities
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Mankato Family YMCA
Mankato & North Mankato ACT on Alzheimer's
Mayo Clinic

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