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Mankato & North Mankato

DEMENTIA RESEARCH SUMMIT

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

SCHEDULE

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
Session 3	**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
Session 4	**Beyond Memory: The Transformative Power of the Arts**	Angela Lunde, Associate in Neurology, Mayo Clinic
Session 5	**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.
Session 6	**Beyond the Diagnosis: Finding Hope Again**	Angela Lunde, Associate in Neurology, Mayo Clinic

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