

# Network News

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## Iowa Network for *Women* in Higher Education

### From the President

Our annual conference is right around the corner, and I am excited for this opportunity to meet with colleagues from across the state! This year marks the fifth anniversary of the Iowa Women in Higher Education Network's spring conference, and the organization's mission to help women achieve leadership positions in higher education is as strong as ever. We work hard every year to keep the conference affordable, accessible, and relevant for all seeking to advance their careers, develop or retune skills, gather information, and network.



Georgina Dodge

While attending the conference, please be sure to meet and thank Maria Bohorquez of Drake University, who led the conference planning sub-committee and will be hosting us at Drake. Maria bravely volunteered herself and Drake University for the event, knowing that our successful conference held last year at St. Ambrose University would be a hard act to follow. Nonetheless, she and her committee members have rolled up their sleeves and developed a day filled with knowledgeable speakers and interesting topics.

Also, plan on attending the pre-conference reception on Thursday night, April 17<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-7:00pm at the Des Moines Marriot Downtown. The reception, which is generously sponsored this year by TIAA-CREF and features a cash bar, is an excellent way to network informally and to meet other attendees prior to the conference. And I promise it will be fun! We understand the importance of networking and guarantee that you will connect with others before the evening ends.

Hurry to sign up for the conference before registration ends on Monday, April 14th. Information and registration is at: [www.iowawhe.org](http://www.iowawhe.org). I look forward to seeing everyone on April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>!

Georgina Dodge  
IOWAWHE President

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### Calendar of Events

- April 17-18: IOWAWHE Spring Leadership Conference ~ Drake University
  - June 18-20: ACE National Women's Leadership Forum~ Arlington, VA
- For more information, visit:  
[ACE Women's Network](http://ACE Women's Network).

You may apply to attend meetings outside our region, and if there is room, you may be accepted. Contact Ellen Kabat-Lensch, our Iowa liaison to the ACE Women's Network.

*Iowa Network for Women in Higher Education*

## IOWAWHE Annual Spring Leadership Conference

Drake University, Olmsted Center, Des Moines, Iowa

April 17-18, 2014

The IOWAWHE Annual Spring Leadership Conference brings women together from all corners of the state to network and discuss the issues facing leaders in higher education today. The theme of the conference for 2014 is “*Stepping Up to the Plate*” and will explore the different stages women face on the journey to leadership.

### Conference Sessions

- I. Keynote Speaker, Raylene Rospond, Deputy Provost, Drake University  
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- II. Session two will focus on the discernment period in which women consider moving-up to a mid-level or executive leadership position and wonder about the preparation that is required.
- III. The third session centers on the necessary skills needed to move-up to the next leadership role and discuss opportunities in philanthropy.
- IV. The fourth session, Women in Leadership, will discuss challenges that women in leadership face and the opportunities utilized in their current positions.

The conference will end with a final presentation sponsored by TIAA-CREF: “Women and Money: Exploring the Generational Evolution of Financial Independence.”

Our featured speakers will be: *Raylene Rospond*, Deputy Provost, Drake University; *Catherine Gillespie*, Associate Dean, School of Education, Drake University; *Pamela K. Pepper*, Director of Development Operations and Director of Annual Fund Programs, Drake University; *Michelle Rourke*, Senior Director of Development, College of Business Administration, University of Northern Iowa; *Lia Kampman*, Campaign Director, Wartburg College; *Pam Gerard*, Vice President for Alumni & College Advancement, Cornell College; *Shanna Fountain*, Director of Evening Services and Student Engagement, DMACC; and *Cheryl Red*, Director, Individual Advisory Services, TIAA-CREF.

For a more detailed agenda, visit the website below.

Join us on Thursday evening, April 17, from 5:00-7:00 pm, for a networking social at the Marriott Hotel in downtown, Des Moines.

The Annual Leadership Conference will begin on Friday, April 18, 2014 at 8:00 am.

There is still time to register! Visit: [www.iowawhe.org](http://www.iowawhe.org) and register by Monday, April 14th.

**Keynote Speaker: Raylene M. Rospond, PharmD.**

Dr. Raylene Rospond is Deputy Provost at Drake University. As Deputy Provost, she is responsible for institutional effectiveness including institutional research, administrative decision support, accreditation, compliance, budgetary operations, and special projects. She oversees a budget of \$17 million, including the provost office, general education and student services, international programs, five colleges and schools, and several centers and institutes. She currently serves as Special Assistant to the President for strategic plan coordination. In 2013, she was selected to participate in the prestigious Council of Independent Colleges Senior Leadership Academy.



Prior to becoming Deputy Provost, Dr. Rospond served as the Dean of the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences for 10 years. Under her leadership as Dean, the College enhanced its US News rankings to 5<sup>th</sup> amongst private institutions, developed and successfully implemented an innovative Health Sciences degree program, doubled its resources for student scholarships and endowment, funded and renovated over half its physical plan, created a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning commons within a building addition, established its first endowed faculty chair and transformed its curriculum utilizing active learning pedagogies. Dr. Rospond, as Associate Dean, lead the expansion of an innovative experiential education program utilizing competency-based assessment of learning outcomes. In 2013, she received the Robert G. Gibbs Distinguished Pharmacist Award from the Iowa Pharmacy Association in recognition of exemplary values, professional involvement and commitment to the profession. She has received numerous honors for her teaching, scholarship and leadership.

Prior to joining the Drake faculty in 1997, Dr. Rospond was Associate Professor and Assistant Dean at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. During her nine-year tenure at Creighton, she served as the Associate Director of the Creighton Cancer Research Center directly Phase I, II and III clinical trials.

As a faculty leader, Dr. Rospond has published numerous referred abstracts and manuscripts in the areas of hematology/oncology, experiential education, and higher education. She is the co-author of the upcoming 3rd edition of the book, *Patient Assessment in Pharmacy Practice*. Her research focused on pain and palliative care of cancer patients and included serving as associate principal investigator on a 2 million dollar grant from the National Cancer Institute to form the Missouri Valley Cancer Consortium. She received the Innovations in Teaching Award from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy in 2002 and was named a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy the same year.

Dr. Rospond gives back to the academy by serving as a peer evaluator for the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the Accreditation Council on Pharmacy Education.

In June 2014, Dr. Rospond will become Vice President and Dean of the college of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Manchester University in Indiana.

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