



LELAND WILSON LECTURE SERIES

Almost 50 years ago, Dr. Leland Wilson, a professor of chemistry, was selected as the first head of the University of Northern Iowa's newly established Department of Chemistry. While he was head of the department, the American Chemical Society accredited the undergraduate chemistry curriculum at UNI. During his 24 years of teaching at UNI, Wilson continually looked for opportunities to help students succeed and share his love of chemistry with them. It is for this reason the Leland Wilson Lecture Series was initiated in 1997 by colleagues, family and former students to honor Professor Wilson's many contributions to the Department of Chemistry and the UNI community.

"The Leland Wilson Chemistry Lectureship strives to bring in speakers who can talk about their fields in a compelling way that provides the wider public with a better understanding of what makes science exciting and valuable," explained Dr. William (Bill) Harwood, professor of chemistry at UNI. "The lecture series gives us an opportunity to show that good science is going on at UNI and that we are equipping our students well for professions in chemistry and biochemistry. Students will have an opportunity to hear and interact with leaders who are successful in the students' future career arenas."



**Dr. Kimryn Rathmell, 2015
Leland Wilson Lecturer**

Last Thursday, October 22, Dr. Kimryn Rathmell, Director of the Division of Hematology and Oncology and Professor of Medicine at Vanderbilt University, presented this year's lecture titled *The Exciting State of Affairs for Drug Development in Cancer: 2015* and many

were in attendance to hear Dr. Rathmell present her thoughts.

"This year's Leland Wilson lecture by Dr. Kimryn Rathmell gave an excellent overview of the rapidly developing new strategies in cancer treatment," proclaimed Dr. Laura Hoistad Strauss, professor of chemistry and biochemistry at UNI. "These new strategies stem from the recent research showing that not all cancers are the same; even of the same organ or tissue. The increased knowledge about how various types cancers evolve has shifted patient care."

For almost 20 years, the Leland Wilson Lecture Series has hosted professionals from all across the United States. From Dr. Richard Zare, Professor of Chemistry at Stanford University, to this year's speaker, Dr. Rathmell, the lectureship has allowed UNI to bring nationally recognized scholars and leaders in chemistry and science to campus. In 2007, Dr. Mary Sue Coleman, daughter of Dr. Wilson and member of the University of Denver Board of Trustees, donated \$100,000 to fully endow the lectureship series and ensure its continual funding.

Previous Lecturers

1997 - Dr. Mary Sue Coleman
1998 - Dr. Robert D. Koob
1999 - Dr. Mark J. Kurth
2000 - Dr. Steven M. Heilmann
2001 - Dr. M. Dale Halwey
2002 - Dr. Becky Lewis
2003 - Dr. John Talley
2004 - Dr. Nancy Wilson Ashbach
2005 - Dr. Charles D. Huff
2006 - Dr. Paul G. Wenthold
2007 - Dr. Geri Richmond
2008 - Dr. Richard Zare
2009 - Dr. John Warner
2010 - Dr. R. Graham Cooks
2011 - Dr. Harry B. Gray
2012 - Dr. Melanie Sanford
2013 - Dr. Paul Kelter
2015 - Dr. Shawn Domagal-Goldman
2015 - Dr. Kimryn Rathmell