

## Richard Hartig

Richard Hartig is the third generation to head Hartig Drug Stores, the nation's second oldest continuously operated family drug chain. The Drake University College of Pharmacy graduate is a strong supporter of pharmacy education in Iowa.

"I considered it both a challenge and an honor," to be asked to join the board. Named an honorary alumnus of the UI College Pharmacy in 2011, Hartig seeks to be an advocate for community pharmacy. "It is important to look at how the world is evolving and think about how UI College of Pharmacy graduates fit into it."

In 2001, he and his wife, Brenda, established the Hartig Scholarship Fund in support of pharmacy students at the University of Iowa. The Hartigs are members of Iowa's President's Club, the Dean's Club, the 1885 Society, and their company is a corporate sponsor of the College of Pharmacy. "About half of the Hartig Drug pharmacists are graduates of the UI, so you can say that we have a special interest in what goes on here."



Hartig sees an increasing need to reach out to UI pharmacy alumni and other practitioners and supporters, especially since the college is in the midst of planning a new building in which to educate pharmacists and researchers of the future. Hartig, a licensed pharmacist in Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin, adds, "I can't think of a better time to engage practitioners in the future of the UI College of Pharmacy."

Hartig also serves as a director of the Iowa College Foundation, the American Trust and Savings Bank, the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, is a member of the Board of Trustees at Drake, and volunteers with a number of not-for-profit organizations. He is the recipient of Drake's College of Pharmacy Alumni Achievement Award (1998), the Weaver Medal of Honor (2006), and the National Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award (2009).