



October 17, 2019

Dear Colleague:

The Drug Enforcement Administration has scheduled the 18th National Prescription Drug Take Back Day for October 26, 2019, for the disposal of unused, unwanted, or expired prescription medicines. The previous take back days over the last nine years were overwhelmingly successful, and resulted in the anonymous collection and safe disposal of more than 5,400 tons of prescription drugs.

In spring 2019, over 11 percent of college students reported that in the last year, they took prescription drugs that were not prescribed to them. The upcoming take back day is an opportunity for the entire campus community, including students, faculty, staff, and neighbors, to bring unused, unwanted, or expired prescription drugs to authorized collection sites for proper disposal.

The DEA, the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, and NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education hope you will join us in this effort by encouraging your campus to participate in the upcoming National Prescription Drug Take Back Day. Collection sites staffed by authorized law enforcement officials are open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For college and university police departments interested in sponsoring a take back location on their campus, please contact your state's DEA representative through the following link: https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/poc.htm.

For more information about National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, visit www.deatakeback.com. Thank you for your consideration of this important project. By working together, we help ensure the health and safety of our nation's college campuses and their surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Uttam Dhillon".

Uttam Dhillon
Acting Administrator
DEA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Vinson".

John Vinson, Ph.D.
President
IACLEA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Kruger".

Kevin Kruger, Ph.D.
President
NASPA