



CALENDAR

Student Mentoring Luncheon

August 21, 2015
11:00—1:00 p.m.
WSU Health Sciences
Spokane, Wash.
[RSVP](#)

White Coat Ceremony

August 21, 2015
2:00 p.m.
Fox Theater
Spokane, Wash.

The Dean's "Welcome Back!" BBQ

August 25, 2015
11:30—1:30 p.m.
WSU Health Sciences
Spokane, Wash.

White Coat Ceremony & Mentoring Reception

August 27, 2015
2:30 p.m.
Yakima Valley Museum
Yakima, Wash.

Campaign Celebration

September 18, 2015
Pullman, Wash.
[details](#)

NCPA Annual Meeting

Alumni and Friends
Reception
October 11, 2015
Gaylord Resort
Washington, D.C.
[RSVP](#)

AUGUST 2015



A Message from Linda Garrelts MacLean
Associate Dean for Advancement

Dear Alums, Colleagues and Friends of Pharmacy,

This truly is an exciting time of year. The class of 2019 will join us on campus next week in both Spokane and Yakima for orientation and an official welcome into the pharmacy profession with our annual White Coat Ceremony. Our Spokane ceremony will be held August 21 at the Fox Theater downtown, and in Yakima we will be at the Yakima Valley Museum on August 27. [Check our event calendar](#) for full details.

A new academic year means many upcoming opportunities to renew ties with the WSU College of Pharmacy and I'd like to invite you to get involved this year!

One of the easiest ways—which makes a very big impact—is to volunteer just a few hours over the next few months to help give our incoming class of student pharmacists a Cougar welcome to pharmacy and feel more connected to their soon-to-be profession. This can all be done through email, the phone, or even LinkedIn! It doesn't take much and makes an incredible difference to our students. [Click here for the details](#) on our Alumni and Student Mentor Program.

We are still in need of 20 mentors for this academic year. Please consider helping out: bit.ly/wsupharmacymentors.

FACULTY NEWS

Over the summer, we celebrated the retirement of Pharmacotherapy Professor Gary Meadows.



Gary has been teaching and conducting research at the College of

Career Fair Reception

October 14, 2015
4:00—6:00 p.m.
WSU Health Sciences
Spokane, Wash.

College of Pharmacy Open House

October 16, 2015
5:00—7:00 p.m.
WSU Health Sciences
Spokane, Wash.
[RSVP](#)

Homecoming Football Game

October 17, 2015
Two hours before kickoff
Wegner Hall parking lot
Pullman, Wash.
[RSVP](#)

Golden and Diamond Grads Reunion

October 29-30, 2015
Pullman, Wash.
Plus a pharmacy tour in
Spokane!
Call 509-368-6675  for
information

CougarRx Nation Alumni Event

October 30, 2015
Oahu, Hawaii
[RSVP](#)

Football Viewing Party

WSU vs. Stanford
October 31, 2015
Oahu, Hawaii
[RSVP](#)

ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting

Alumni and Friends
Reception
December 6, 2015
New Orleans, La.

CougarRx Nation Holiday Party

December 11, 2015
Spokane, Wash.

Pharmacy for 39 years, though he will maintain his affiliation with WSU as an emeritus professor. Gary was a faculty advisor and professional mentor to many researchers and pharmacists that went through the WSU program, including me! We all wish him the best and I look forward to seeing him at college events in Spokane and Pullman. [Read more](#)

Additionally, we have had some new faces join our faculty ranks and I would like to introduce them to you:



In March, Jean-Baptiste Roulet, Ph.D., joined the Experimental and Systems Pharmacology Section as a clinical professor. He will teach in the Ph.D. program for pharmaceutical sciences. His research expertise is in lipid metabolism, cardiovascular diseases, blood pressure regulation, and rare diseases. [Read more](#)



Also in March, Carl Mikota, Pharm.D., joined the Pharmacotherapy Department in Yakima as a clinical assistant professor. He will hold dual appointments with the college and the Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital where he is currently running a cardiac risk assessment clinic. He will be precepting for first and fourth-year student pharmacists on IPPE and APPE rotations. [Read more](#)



In June, Damianne Brand-Eubanks, Pharm.D., joined the Experimental and Systems Pharmacology Section in Yakima as a clinical assistant professor. She will teach Integrated Pharmacology, Pharmaceutics, and Pharmacy Calculations. Her research will focus on interprofessional experience perception, and expansion of experiential and collaborative opportunities for pharmacists and student pharmacists. [Read more](#)



In July, Alyson Blum, Pharm.D., joined the Pharmacotherapy Department in Spokane as a clinical assistant professor. She will teach across the Pharm.D. curriculum, inserting pregnancy topics into many courses. Her research will study the cost effectiveness of having a pharmacist in charge of managing a patient's diabetes medication therapy. [Read more](#)



Also in July, Christina Buchman, Pharm.D., joined the Pharmacotherapy Department in Yakima as a clinical assistant professor. She will teach Communications Lab, Pharmacokinetics, and Health Care Systems, as well as teaching the Advanced Pharmaceutical Care Lab, Pharmacogenomics, and Pharmacotherapy next spring. [Read more](#)

COUGARx NATION EVENTS

We had a great CougarRx Nation gathering in Portland last month. Thank you to everyone who came out to mingle, network and reconnect with us.

Details on upcoming events will be posted as they become available on our [CougarRx Nation events web page](#) »



Jacquie Garza, class of 2016, took some really great photos at the event. They are posted online here: bit.ly/CougarRx-Nation-Portland. Thank you Jacquie for sharing your photography with us!

NEWS FROM THE DEAN

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I want to invite you to join us this fall at one (or all!) of our many College of Pharmacy alumni and friends events. These are great opportunities to stay connected with us, catch up with old friends, and have fun! Please check out our [events calendar](#) for the details and to RSVP online.

There are just a few upcoming events I would like to highlight, and I hope to see you there:

- **The WSU Foundation’s “Campaign: Because the World Needs Big Ideas” Celebration**
September 18, 2015
Pullman, Wash. | [details](#)
- **College of Pharmacy Homecoming Weekend**
October 16-17, 2015
Spokane and Pullman, Wash. | [details](#)
- **Golden and Diamond Grads Reunion**
(for the classes of 1965 and 1955)
October 29-30, 2015
Pullman, Wash. (call 509-368-6675  for more information)
- **Hawaii CougarRx Nation Events**
October 30-31, 2015
Oahu, Hawaii | [details](#)

JOIN US!
**COUGAR^{Rx}
NATION**
PHARMACY ALUMNI COMMUNITY

[Click Here!](#)
Membership is
\$50 per year
(\$75 for joint membership)

[See the full events calendar online](#)

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WAVE THE FLAG FOR PHARMACY

There’s still time to Wave the Flag for Pharmacy!

Send us a photo and we’ll enter you in our photo contest. All entries will be eligible for a drawing to win a can of Cougar Gold cheese. Email photos to gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu. We will feature the winning photo in an upcoming newsletter.

Pharmacy alumni
are social,
Join Us!



CLASS OF 2012 ALUMNI SURVEY

And finally, every year we partner with AACP and ACPE on a national survey, and this year the survey was sent out to the class of 2012. I want to say 'Thank You!' to our 2012 alumni who have already completed the survey, your responses are vital to helping us assess and improve our curriculum and educational process.

To those in the class of 2012 who have not yet completed the survey, it’s not too late! If you didn’t see our email this last week, please check your



Go Cougs!

junk folders or email Sue Wright at susanw@wsu.edu to get a copy of your survey link. Your participation is one of the reasons it is better to be a Cougar pharmacist.

I hope to see you soon, and Go Cougs!

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ALUMNI UPDATES

- We recently caught up with **Stephanie (Allen) Nomellini**, class of 1987, who lives in Vancouver, Canada, with her family and has worked for Haggen pharmacies for the last eight years. She shared [this photo](#) with us!
- **Lynn Evenson**, class of 1983, checked in with us from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where she was a volunteer helping out with the swim leg of the Coeur d'Alene Ironman. She shared [this photo](#) with us!
- We heard from **Clinton Slovarp**, class of 2014, who recently took a new role at Walmart in the Tri-Cities area, serving as a district manager for the pharmacies, vision centers and over-the-counter spaces. Congratulations Clinton, and thank you for also signing up to be a mentor!
- We also heard from **Andy Pottenger**, class of 2014, who recently purchased Orchards Pharmacy in Lewiston, Idaho. Congratulations Andy!

IN MEMORIAM

- **Gordon Barker**, class of 1972, died of a heart attack on August 1. He had suffered from kidney failure for the last year. The Barker family requested in lieu of flowers to send donations to the [Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation](#) in Gordon's memory.
- We were also recently notified of the death of **Don Christensen**, class of 1978. He passed away on June 10. Our deepest condolences to the families of both Don and Gordon.

Want to be listed in our alumni updates? Send us your career information or let us know what you've been up to!
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