

CALENDAR

Admitted Student Reception

April 17, 2015
1:00—3:00 p.m.
WSU Health Sciences
Spokane, Wash.
RSVP

WSU Pharmacy Donor Appreciation and Awards Night

April 17, 2015
4:30—6:30 p.m.
WSU Health Sciences
Spokane, Wash.
RSVP

Admitted Student Reception

April 24, 2015
5:00—7:00 p.m.
PNWU Campus
Yakima, Wash.
RSVP

CougarX Nation Alumni Event

May 2015
Portland Area
Event details coming soon!

College of Pharmacy Commencement

May 7, 2015
2:00—4:30 p.m.
Fox Theater
Spokane, Wash.
RSVP

Admitted Student Reception

APRIL 2015



A Message from Linda Garrelts MacLean
Associate Dean for Advancement

Dear Alums, Colleagues and Friends of Pharmacy,

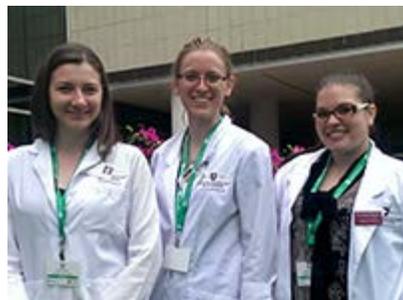
Happy Spring! The trees are blooming on our beautiful Spokane campus and if you haven't seen our new Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences building yet, this is a great time of year to visit.

Of course today is also tax day—April 15th—and I'd like thank our alumni and friends who have so generously supported the College of Pharmacy this past year. Your involvement and support plays a major role in our continued success!

As we wind down the \$1 billion "Campaign for Washington State University - Because the World Needs Big Ideas," this is the perfect time to consider a tax-deductible contribution to the College of Pharmacy. Not only will you be part of this historical Campaign for WSU, but your gift will make an immediate difference for our students and our college.

Please visit our website at www.pharmacy.wsu.edu or call 509-368-6675  for more details.

STUDENT NEWS



I am happy to report that our compounding team placed sixth overall at the Student Pharmacist Compounding Competition on March 21-22, in Gainesville, Florida. They were also honored with the "Teamwork Award".

Photos from their adventure are posted to the college's Facebook page: [2015](#)

[Student Photos.](#)

STUDENTS GEAR UP FOR SUMMER

Summer is a time for relaxation for some students, but not for WSU student pharmacists! Summer is the time for pharmacy internships, study abroad, and leadership opportunities. These are just some of the ways we

May 7, 2015
5:00—7:00 p.m.
Bellevue, Wash
[RSVP](#)

Northwest Pharmacy Convention

- **CougaRx Nation Regional Coord. Board Meeting**
May 29, 2015
Coeur d'Alene Resort
- **Alumni & Friends Reception**
May 30, 2015
Coeur d'Alene Resort
[RSVP](#)

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

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build the future leaders in pharmacy.

Here are few examples of how our students will be staying involved this summer:



James Leonard, class of 2016, has been selected for a summer internship with the Division of Drug Information at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). He will begin the six-week internship this May at the FDA's drug information headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland.

[Read more.](#)



Erin McCarthy, class of 2017, has been selected for a summer internship on the staff of Washington Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers. She will begin the four-week internship in June at the Congresswoman's Washington, D.C., office. Erin said she was interested in learning more about the legislative process in order to be a better advocate for pharmacy. [Read more.](#)



Derek Matlock, class of 2017, has been selected to participate in a summer business leadership program sponsored by Live Oak Bank. The weeklong intensive training program in Wilmington, North Carolina, will bring experts from across the country to share strategies on owning and operating a successful pharmacy. [Read](#)

[more.](#)

What great experiences these will be for our students!

ALUMNI NEWS

We've had several activities for our alumni, students and friends of the college during the past month. First, at the APhA convention our "Alumni & Friends" reception was a huge success with almost 100 guests attending. Also at the APhA convention, we hosted the first meeting of our newly formed "National Advisory Board" for the WSU College of Pharmacy. The National Advisory Board will provide insight to the college leadership team regarding matters on the national stage for advancing the pharmacy practice, health care integration, and innovation in promoting human health and wellness. I would like to say thank you to our alumni, Leon Alzola, class of 1989, and Dan Steiber, class of 1976, for participating in this effort.



We also hosted two CougaRx Nation events during the past month—one in Orange County, California, and the other in Bellevue, Washington. Both events provided a great opportunity to network and catch up with classmates and Cougar pharmacists. Patrick Tabon and Mary Wen, both class of 2012, helped organize the gathering in Orange County. John Oftebro, class of 1965, and Steve Riddle, class of 1984, were instrumental in the success of the Bellevue event.

You can see photos of all these events on our Facebook page: [Alumni](#)

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Pharmacy alumni
are social,
Join Us!



Go Cougs!

Events.

DONOR APPRECIATION AND AWARDS NIGHT

Don't forget to attend the Donor Appreciation and Awards Night event this Friday, April 17, in Spokane! We are looking forward to seeing you there at 4:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend but please [RSVP online](#) or email gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu to get more information.



I hope to see you there!

Plus, if you make it Friday you will get to see the exclusive debut of our new WSU Pharmacy promotional video.

Check out some behind-the-scenes "making of" photos on our Facebook

page: [Pharmacy Video Project](#).

HEALTH SCIENCES CAMPUS UPDATE

April 1, 2015, was a historic day for WSU.



Gov. Jay Inslee signed a bill that allows WSU to create its own medical school. On April 2, the College of Pharmacy gathered with community partners and friends from across the state on the WSU Health Sciences campus in Spokane to celebrate this achievement.

We are excited about what this means for the College of Pharmacy, which is more interprofessional learning opportunities for our students, more interdisciplinary collaboration opportunities for our faculty researchers, and more outreach opportunities that will make a positive impact on our communities.

Read the WSU news story here:

[Gov. Jay Inslee signs WSU medical school legislation.](#)

Read WSU President Elson Floyd's Perspectives:

[Medical Education Bill Marks Historic Moment for WSU, Washington State](#)

HEALTH CLINIC GROUNDBREAKING

A groundbreaking ceremony will take place at 9:00 a.m. on May 6, 2015, for the new University District Health Clinic. The clinic will be located in the University District in Spokane on the WSU Health Sciences campus.

The Spokane Teaching Health Consortium (STHC) has partnered with the Empire Health Foundation, Providence Health Care, and WSU Health Sciences at Spokane to open the clinic, which will become the new home for many of Spokane's medical residency programs.

The clinic will give our student pharmacists the ability to participate in community outreach and learning opportunities alongside medical residents, WSU nursing and medical students, and other health sciences students to gain important interprofessional experience necessary to meet the expanding health care needs of their future patients.

Read more about the clinic and see some architectural renderings here: [University District Health Clinic Groundbreaking Planned for May 6](#)

I look forward to keeping you updated on the clinic and the progress of the WSU medical school. This is a great time for WSU and the College of Pharmacy!

Best wishes for a happy spring,



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ALUMNI UPDATES

- **Natasha Heimbigner**, class of 2014, is working at Omnicare in Spokane, Wash., and was elected last fall to the Spokane Pharmacy Association Board of Managers.
- **Kris Olson**, class of 1997, attended the WSU Alumni & Friends reception at APhA in San Diego. Kris is working as a pharmacist with Family Health Clinic in Omak, where he resides with his wife and three children.
- We recently learned that **Anna Barrigan**, class of 1950, passed away last December after complications from hip replacement surgery. Anna was a devoted volunteer to many charitable organizations in Port Angeles, Wash., where she resided since 1994 after a long career as a pharmacist in Fairbanks, Alaska. In 2012, Anna received the Clallam County Community Service Award to recognize her hands-on leadership with organizations such as the Salvation Army and the Olympic Community Action Program. Anna was 85 years old.

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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