



FEBRUARY 14, 2014

**CALENDAR**

Rx Impact Day  
March 12-13, 2014  
Washington D.C.

APhA Annual Meeting  
Mar. 28-31, 2014  
WSU alumni reception  
Saturday, Mar. 29, 2014

Spring Football Game  
Saturday, Apr. 26, 2014  
1:00 p.m.  
Spokane, Wash.

College of Pharmacy  
Donor Appreciation Event  
Friday, May 2, 2014  
WSU Health Sciences campus  
Spokane, Wash.

College of Pharmacy  
Commencement  
Thursday, May 8, 2014  
12:30 p.m.  
Spokane, Wash.

WSPA Northwest Pharmacy  
Convention  
May 29 - June 1, 2014  
Pharm.D. Mentor Program  
Reception  
Saturday, May 31, 2014  
Event details coming soon

College of Pharmacy  
White Coat Ceremony  
Friday, Aug. 22, 2014  
2:00 p.m.

Dear Alums, Colleagues and Friends of Pharmacy,

We believe that one of the major elements that sets the WSU College of Pharmacy apart from other pharmacy schools is the lasting relationships our student pharmacists form during their time here. These include professional relationships with faculty through mentoring and instruction, professional relationships gained through interaction with leaders and innovators in pharmacy industry and practice, and also the friendships students form with each other.

To honor these great relationships, and since today happens to be Valentine's Day, we bring you a special edition of the CougaRx Alumni Newsletter dedicated to the alumni couples of WSU who met at the College of Pharmacy.

I'd like to say thank you to the people who shared their stories with us! It was special for us to see just how many couples found each other during their time at WSU. And if you didn't get a chance to send in your story for today's issue, we'd still like to hear it! So let us know what you're up to at [gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu](mailto:gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu).

By the way, if you had a great experience at WSU and would like the opportunity to help our current student pharmacists have the same, why not volunteer to be a mentor? If you are interested, please send an email to Jennifer Robinson at [jenrobinson@wsu.edu](mailto:jenrobinson@wsu.edu) for more information.

Also, be sure to visit our [alumni community web page](#) for all the latest details on our college and alumni events! If you are attending the APhA convention in Orlando next month, please join us for the WSU College of Pharmacy "Alumni & Friends" Reception on Saturday, March 29, at David's Club in the Hilton Orlando. You can RSVP now at [gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu](mailto:gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu).



With Cougar Pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Linda Garrelts MacLean'.

Linda Garrelts MacLean  
Associate Dean for Advancement

The Lincoln Center  
Spokane, Wash.

Cougar Football  
WSU vs. Rutgers  
College of Pharmacy alumni  
reception  
Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014  
Seattle, Wash.  
Event details coming soon

WSPF Golf Tournament  
Sept. 2014

College of Pharmacy  
Alumni Gala  
Friday, Oct. 3, 2014  
Location TBD  
Spokane, Wash.

Football Homecoming  
WSU vs. California  
College of Pharmacy alumni  
reception  
Saturday, Oct. 4 2014  
Pullman, Wash.  
Event details coming soon

NCPA Annual Convention  
Oct. 18-22, 2014  
WSU alumni reception  
Event details coming soon

College of Pharmacy  
Diabetes Prevention  
Summit  
Nov. 2014

ASHP Midyear Clinical  
Meeting  
Dec. 2014  
WSU alumni reception  
Event details coming soon

Details on upcoming events  
will be posted as they  
become available on our  
Pharmacy Alumni  
Community web page »

## JOHN (class of 1968) AND CLAUDIA SWENSON



It was pretty much love at first sight... He spotted her in the hallway and knew he needed to meet her. He asked one of his pharmacy professors who she was and he reluctantly gave him her name, "Claudia." They went on a few dates, fell in love and the rest is history.

Today they have been married 46 years, have three sons and five grandchildren, and it all started in College Hall at the WSU College of Pharmacy!

Part of their history is a humorous engagement ring story. John and Claudia had gone to Spokane to pick out her ring (the one she is still wearing almost five decades later) but the jeweler had to size it. One day, in the middle of Professor Charlie Martin's class, Dean White's secretary came and very sternly announced to the class, "Dean White needs to see John Swenson in his office right now!"

John wondered why he was in trouble (again) as he was headed in to Dean White's office. But instead of his usual reprimand, Dean White smiled and introduced the jeweler from Spokane who had hand delivered Claudia's engagement ring as a surprise.

Dean White congratulated John and sent him back to class. Later that morning, John and Claudia ran into each other in the hallway between classes, where John put the ring on her finger, gave her a quick kiss, and then they both headed off to their respective 9 a.m. classes. Busy times but great memories!

They married in September 1968, and Claudia transferred from WSU and went on to graduate from the UC San Francisco School of Pharmacy. They've both had very interesting careers in hospital pharmacy, ambulatory care, academia and corporations. In fact, the couple just spoke to our current student pharmacists as part of the Career Seminar Series and highlighted many of the career options a pharmacy degree offers.

They are both "semi" retired, meaning they're busier than ever with working on call, traveling, volunteering (they both serve on the Lake Chelan Hospital Foundation Board) and enjoying time with their kids and grandkids. We're so glad that the WSU College of Pharmacy played Cupid in this life story!

## ALUMNI POLL

Answer a question to be entered in a drawing for a can of Cougar Gold cheese!

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Alumni Answers

Don't forget to join the  
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2014

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### KELLY (Matthews) AND JONAS HYLTON (classes of 1998 and 1999)



Jonas and Kelly Hylton were part of the first entry-level Pharm.D. class, graduating in Winter 1998/Spring 1999 after four years together in the College of Pharmacy.

Kelly says she was the eager student, always up front and taking LOTS of notes.

Jonas was more laid back, hanging out in the rear of the classroom – hence often asking to borrow Kelly's notes to prepare for exams. While serving as APhA-ASP president and vice-president during their second year, they realized they were a pretty good team and have been together ever since. They just celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary last August.

Their careers and lives together have taken them to Reno, Nev.; Olympia and Seattle, Wash.; and now Scottsdale, Ariz. Along the way they've had two children: Rowan, four years old, and Avery, 18 months.

Jonas is now a regional director of medical sciences for Medivation, Inc., a pharmaceutical company specializing in advancements for prostate cancer. Kelly is a clinical research pharmacist with the clinical trials program through the Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center at Scottsdale Healthcare dealing with phase 1 oncology research studies.

Kelly recently volunteered to be a local representative for WSU's Pharmacy Alumni Community for the Southwest area of the U.S.

### AARON AND REBECCA (Eastman) ZIEGLER (class of 2005)



Aaron and Becca were classmates and friends who fell in love during pharmacy school at WSU. Aaron remembers their first date as going to Northtown Mall to see some sort of scary movie, but couldn't remember all the details. They've been happily married since 2008 and are pictured here at their fellow 2005

classmate Ryan Fowler's wedding in Hawaii.

Becca works for Safeway pharmacies and Aaron works for Albertsons pharmacies. Congratulations Aaron and Becca!



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## CLASS OF 2010...was it something in the water?



The class of 2010 was a remarkable year for couples!

Let's start with Connie Remsberg and Manoah Solandros. They met during their first year of pharmacy school in Pullman. They used to study together down at the Daily Grind.

Eventually they fell in love and are now engaged to be married this summer. Connie, who is a Ph.D. as well as a Pharm.D., recently joined the faculty here at the College of Pharmacy and Manoah works as a pharmacist at the CHAS clinics in Spokane.

Other couples from this class year include:

- Courtney (Morgan) and William Quinby, just had their first child, Addisyn Morgan Quinby
- Henry Fong and Alice Yip
- Ashley (Mullins, class of 2011) and Andrew Harbison
- Beth (Mueller) and Thomas Han, are expecting their first child
- Michael and Stacer (a WSU NEP alum) Varga
- And, Mike Glockling met his wife Molly (a WSU nursing alum) while they were completing their Peru elective rotations!

Way to go Class of 2010!

## MARJAN (Bigverdi) AND PAUL MILANI (classes of 2010 and 2012)



We also heard from Paul and Marjan Milan, they eloped in May 2012 and got "Maui'd" in Maui! They had a wedding reception in August 2012 for their friends and family in Seattle while sailing the Puget Sound on a yacht. A nice way to begin their lives together!

Paul obtained his MBA at Eastern Washington University while finishing up his Pharm.D. at WSU, and in fact they credit Linda Garrelts MacLean for their pharmacy careers, saying "Linda has been the biggest mentor—she really helped Paul all throughout his Pharm.D. and MBA courses."

Paul is currently working at the Providence Holy Family Pharmacotherapy Clinic in Spokane. Marjan did a one year general residency (PGY-1) at Providence Sacred Heart post-graduation, followed by a second year specialty residency in critical care (PGY-2) at Sacred Heart and decided to stay on and join the inpatient pharmacists team afterwards. She obtained her board certification in pharmacotherapy last October (BCPS, Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist) and is looking forward to the next



challenge: the new certification in critical care.

Even though they are both from Seattle, they decided to settle down in Spokane at least for the next few years, and bought a house in Spokane last year. The couple enjoys spoiling their little French Bulldog "Pinot" any chance they get!

### CRYSTAL LITTLE AND ROBERT BRYAN (classes of 2012 and 2013)



Robert Bryan and Crystal Little met at the Dean's Welcome Back BBQ during Robert's first year of pharmacy school, but hit it off at the APhA Mid-Year Regional Meeting in Portland.

While neither of them really believe in love at first sight, it still happened pretty quickly and they were dating by the end of fall semester. Today they are engaged to be married on June 21, 2014, in Othello, Wash.

Crystal said the last several years of pharmacy school and completing a residency while building their relationship has been a whirlwind of fun, but they are looking forward to settling down in the Portland area where it all started.

The couple is also giving back at a very young age, having started the Bryan Scholarship to award a deserving WSU pharmacy student with a scholarship each year. According to Crystal and Robert, they feel very fortunate to have received several scholarships while in pharmacy school and want to help current and future pharmacy students have the same opportunities they did. Congratulations!



## ALUMNI UPDATES

- Mike Varga, class of 2010 and director of pharmacy at Northwest Specialty Hospital in Post Falls, Idaho, was selected by the North Idaho Business Journal for their "30 under 40 Club". This honor is given to those individuals who are recognized as leaders in the community. [Read more](#)
- Aaron Ziegler, class of 2005, was recently named division pharmacy manager for Albertsons for the Eastern Washington district. He was previously the pharmacy operations specialist at Albertsons for the Oregon/SW Washington area.

Want to be listed here in our alumni updates? Send us your career update or let us know what you've been up to! [gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu](mailto:gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu)



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