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A Message from Linda Garrelts MacLean
Associate Dean for Advancement

Dear Alums, Colleagues and Friends of Pharmacy,

The days are finally starting to get longer, and the APhA convention in Orlando is almost upon us! If you are attending the APhA convention March 28-31, please join us for the WSU College of Pharmacy alumni and friends reception on Saturday, March 29, at David’s Club in the Hilton Orlando. You can RSVP now at gocoug@pharmacy.wsu.edu. This is always a great gathering every year, and I hope you can attend!

PHARMACY ALUMNI COMMUNITY
Support the WSU College of Pharmacy by joining the Pharmacy Alumni Community today! Members stay connected through special events and activities targeted to our alumni, their families and friends of the College. You can even join online here.

TRI-CITIES SCHOLARSHIP EVENT
The College of Pharmacy was featured very prominently at the WSU Foundation's spring board meeting in the Tri-Cities on March 6. At a reception to honor scholarship donors and recipients, Brad Fisher talked about his efforts to establish the Hughes-Fisher Endowed Scholarship in Pharmacy.

Brad's grandfather Lewis Clarke Hughes, class of 1923, and father Robert Lee Fisher, class of 1952, owned a community pharmacy. Brad and his sister, Stacie Hamilton, grew up in the pharmacy business. Although neither of them chose that career path, Brad gave a moving historical perspective. He then introduced Elizabeth "Liz" Rankos, the WSU student pharmacist who received the first Hughes-Fisher scholarship this year.

Liz, class of 2015, is the daughter of Greg Rankos, class of 1976, and Deanna Rankos, class of 1982, who own Rankos Pharmacy in Tacoma that was started by Liz’s grandfather George Rankos, class of 1927.

So it turns out the two family histories are
interconnected, but through business not biology. It was a proud moment for the College of Pharmacy and shows how connected Cougar pharmacists have been since the 1920s!

DONOR APPRECIATION EVENT
In an effort to honor those Cougar pharmacy connections and keep them alive, the College of Pharmacy will host our annual Donor Appreciation and Awards reception on Friday, May 2, in the Health Sciences Building on the WSU Health Sciences campus in Spokane. There is no charge to attend.

This event is a great way to reconnect with fellow Cougar pharmacists, interact with students, and see some favorite WSU faculty members.

By the way, we’ve just learned that Gerald Briggs, class of 1968, will be flying in from Southern California for the event and for a tour our new Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences building. Professor Briggs helped co-author our online "Diseases, Complications, and Drug Therapy in Obstetrics" course for WSU. You can read more about this continuing education opportunity here - and remember - Pharmacy Alumni Community members receive $100 off the course tuition.

If you are interested in joining our campus tour on May 2, or on any other date, we’d be delighted to make those arrangements! Please email Kelly Sylvester to RSVP for the May 2 event, set up a tour of the campus, or if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE
Please mark your calendars and join us for a very special event that will be happening at the WSPA Northwest Pharmacy Convention in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on May 30. We will be honoring Bill Fassett, Ph.D., MBA, who will be retiring after this academic year.

Bill has been a highly valued member of the College of Pharmacy faculty, held leadership positions in several professional pharmacy associations and has been a mentor to many, many students. Join us as we honor his 15 years of leadership and service at WSU.

The retirement gala will be held at the Coeur d'Alene Resort and will feature a live auction to raise funds for Bill's favorite cause, the Marguerite Villars Endowed Scholarship in Pharmacy.

RSVP | View the online invitation

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY MENTOR PROGRAM
I've always believed that one of the great things about being a Cougar pharmacist is getting to learn and develop within the network of the WSU community. This network is built around faculty and staff who provide instruction and support, and also alumni who provide our students with mentoring and the opportunity to interact with leaders and innovators in industry and practice. This network is the foundation of educating future leaders in pharmacy.
As an alumni, if you are not currently active in this great network, please consider volunteering to mentor a student pharmacist. This is a great opportunity for you to share your academic and professional experiences and give back to WSU students!

To learn more about this program, click here.
To sign up to be a mentor, click here.

STUDENT NEWS

In February, a group of almost 50 of our students braved a snowstorm to head to Olympia, Wash., for the annual Legislative Day on February 24.

A huge snowstorm threatened to leave them trapped on Snoqualmie Pass, but some brave student pharmacists jumped out to help the bus driver put on chains and they were allowed to continue to Olympia.

This year's Legislative Day team was led by third-year student Amanda Norman, who helped organize meetings with legislators. I want to extend my thanks to the following organizations for sponsoring this year's event: Fred Meyer, Bartell Drugs, and the Washington State Pharmacy Association.

Our students have put together a photo album of their adventures at this year's Legislative Day. You can access it here on Facebook, or here on SmugMug with the password: washingtonstate.

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ANNUAL REPORT

2013 was a milestone year in the history of the WSU College of Pharmacy. Our annual report hit mailboxes at the end of February, and if you haven't seen it yet you can download it online here: annual report.pdf

This report on our action-packed year is full of great pictures of the new Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences building, along with updates on our College faculty and research efforts, and student news.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

It is always great to hear from our alumni and friends. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions, need any information, or want to let us know what you are up to! Here are the answers to a few of our frequently asked questions:

- With our recent move to Spokane, our mailing address has changed. The Spokane campus address used by the postal service is slightly different than our physical address, so here is our mailing address:

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  P.O. Box 1495
  Spokane, WA  99210-1495

- You can subscribe to the Dean's Newsletter online here: Subscribe
And, if you ever need to contact one of our faculty or staff, you can find contact information and faculty biographies here in our College directory.

With best wishes and Cougar pride,

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ALUMNI UPDATES

- **Skye A. McKennon**, class of 2007, is now working as a clinical assistant professor at the University of Washington School of Pharmacy. After graduating from WSU, Skye did a post-doctoral residency focused on cardiovascular care at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle and then accepted a position at Evergreen Health to start a lipid management clinic. At UW, she teaches courses as well as practicing at the Cardiovascular Enhancement Center.

- **Hedayatullah Jalalyar**, class of 1999, is the owner of Logar Pharmacy in Benton City, Wash. While working for a large chain in the Tri-Cities area he had several customers that drove the 30 minutes from Benton City to pick up prescriptions who complained about the long drive and wait times. After doing his own research, Hedayatullah opened a community pharmacy in Benton City and his shop has been very successful since it opened two years ago.

- **Manpreet Chahal**, Ph.D. class of 2008, Pharm.D. class of 2010, is currently serving as president of the Spokane Pharmacy Association. Manpreet is an oncology pharmacist at Medical Oncology Associates in Spokane, Wash. He also serves as a member of the adjunct clinical faculty at the WSU College of Pharmacy.

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
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For more information, please contact us or visit the WSU Foundation website.