



CALENDAR

CougaRx Nation Alumni Event

July 24, 2015
6:30 p.m.
Columbia Edgewater
Country Club
Portland, Ore.
RSVP

Student Mentoring Luncheon

August 21, 2015
11:00—1:00 p.m.
WSU Health Sciences
Spokane, Wash.

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
PNWU campus
Yakima, Wash.

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

JUNE 2015



A Message from Linda Garrelts MacLean
Associate Dean for Advancement

Dear Alums, Colleagues and Friends of Pharmacy,

The days are getting longer and summer has definitely come on strong, both with our wonderful Pacific Northwest weather and some really exciting things happening for pharmacists in Washington state. As Dean Pollack mentioned last month, we celebrated May 7 as we welcomed a new class of pharmacists to the profession, and then we celebrated on May 11 when Gov. Inslee signed a law ensuring the pharmacist's place on the health care team. I look forward to sharing with you the progress on establishing the processes that will allow pharmacists to certify with insurance companies just like other health care providers. The information currently available on ESSB 5557 and what it means for pharmacists can be found on the WSPA website here:

<http://bit.ly/1KSRyL2>.

NEW BENEFACTORS

We are also celebrating two new benefactors this year:



Gerald Briggs, class of 1968, has been supporting a residency in obstetric pharmacy at Providence Sacred Heart Hospital, as well as providing annual scholarship support to student pharmacists at the College of Pharmacy. He and his wife, Sue, will be honored at the WSU Foundation Recognition Gala this fall.

If you are interested in the online, continuing education OB course that Gerald Briggs has developed, click here: bit.ly/wsupharm-ob.

Our other benefactor is the Kroger Corporation, which is comprised of Fred Meyer and QFC. Fred Meyer has been providing scholarship support for many years, and last year the company sponsored our new Alumni and Student Mentor Program. Leon and Merrie Kay Alzola, classes of 1991 and 1993, will represent Fred Meyer at the gala. Also under the Kroger banner, QFC is being honored at the gala for its support of our student pharmacists through the Quality Food Centers Scholarship, the sponsorship of orientation

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week, and other activities to benefit our students. Chuck Paulsen, class of 1984, will be honored on behalf of QFC.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to these donors for their many years of support!

NORTHWEST PHARMACY CONVENTION

More than 150 alumni, friends and supporters of the College of Pharmacy attended the WSU reception at the WSPA Northwest Pharmacy Convention. Butch T. Cougar made a special guest appearance and you can watch in the video linked below the crowd's reaction when it came time for our annual fight song battle:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X311zTG6UA>

View the [event photos here](#).

OUTSTANDING ALUMNA OF THE YEAR



Also at our alumni and mentor reception, we took the opportunity to announce our 2014 Outstanding Alumna of the Year: Merrie Kay Alzola. Merrie Kay was honored specifically for her contributions to the Doctor of Pharmacy program and establishing the Alumni and Student Mentor program. Read the entire [news story](#)

[here](#).

AACP MASTER PRECEPTOR



Another one of our alumni doing great things is Chris Greer, class of 1991. He has been a preceptor at the College of Pharmacy since 2003. This year, Chris was one of eight pharmacy preceptors nationally to receive a Master Preceptor Award from the AACP. We would not be able to provide such an outstanding educational experience to our student pharmacists without great preceptors like Chris. He is truly helping us to prepare the pharmacy leaders of the



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future. Read the entire [news story here](#).

STUDENT NEWS

I am happy to let you know that we have established a new collaboration with our entrepreneurial colleagues at the WSU Carson College of Business. Student pharmacists enrolled at WSU now have greater access to the WSU online MBA program. Most notable about this collaboration is the Carson College will accept the PCAT in lieu of the GMAT as an entrance exam, and will be waiving the application fee for WSU student pharmacists.

Read more information on the Pharm.D./MBA program here:

bit.ly/WSU_PharmD-MBA



Sean Leonard, class of 2015, received the Larry G. Bettsworth Health System Pharmacy Student Award from the Providence Health Care Foundation. She was honored at a reception at the Sacred Heart Medical Center on May 7, 2015, and she will receive a \$2,000 scholarship. Read the entire [news story here](#).



Ryan Nottingham, class of 2016, was one of 85 student pharmacists nationally to be named a 2015 Walmart Scholar by the AACP. Ryan will attend the AACP meeting and teacher seminar with WSU faculty member Jennifer Robinson, class of 2005. Read the entire [news story here](#).

COUGARx NATION

Our CougaRx Nation had its first board meeting of the year in Coeur d'Alene last month. On the agenda was upcoming events, including a reception on July 24 in Portland. All are welcome! [Click here for more information](#).

There may also be a CougaRx Nation event this October in Hawaii, for all of our alumni and friends lucky enough to live on the islands. More details coming soon!



And, once again, the CougaRx board would like to encourage all alumni to get involved and mentor a current pharmacy student. We need an additional 70 mentors by August to ensure that every incoming student pharmacists has a one-on-one mentor to guide them on their path through pharmacy school. The mentoring program is one of the assets that sets our WSU College of Pharmacy apart from other programs. If you'd like more information, click here: bit.ly/wsupharmacymentors

RECENT GRADS

To our new 2015 alumni, remember to send us your updated information and please keep us updated on your careers! We love to hear from you and highlight your great achievements in our "Alumni Updates."

With Best Wishes and Cougar Pride,



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ALUMNI UPDATES

- Thank you to all of our alums who made it to the NW Pharmacy convention. It was so great to mingle and catch up with you! Be sure to check out the photos of the event posted here: SmugMug.com
- Also check out the photos of the 2015 Commencement Ceremony and Senior Awards Luncheon, posted to our website here: [photo gallery](#)

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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