



CALENDAR

Campaign Celebration

September 18, 2015
Pullman, Wash.

[details](#)

NCPA Annual Meeting

Alumni and Friends
Reception
October 11, 2015
Gaylord Resort
Washington, D.C.

[RSVP](#)

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 kick-off
Wegner Hall parking lot
Pullman, Wash.

[RSVP](#)

Golden and Diamond Grads Reunion

October 29-30, 2015
Pullman, Wash.
Plus a pharmacy tour in
Spokane!

SEPTEMBER 2015



A Message from Linda Garrelts MacLean
Associate Dean for Advancement

Dear Alums, Colleagues and Friends of Pharmacy,

We were so proud to start the academic year in August as we welcomed our new student pharmacists of the class of 2019. This academic year kicks off our Doctor of Pharmacy program extension in Yakima and the amount of overwhelming support we have received from the Yakima community and our partners at the Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences just reinforces that we are doing the right thing.

Educating outstanding health care professionals is our mission, and the pharmacists we are training in Spokane and Yakima are the new breed of pharmacist. They represent the future of pharmacy and what pharmacy practice is evolving into to meet the health care needs of our patients. We truly are preparing the pharmacists of the future, and there is a dire need for these kind of pharmacy practitioners in the rural and underserved areas of our state.

Read more about our incoming class of 2019 here: [College of Pharmacy welcomes class of 2019 to Spokane, Yakima](#)

We even have our Spokane white coat address online! Watch Chris Greer, class of 1991, deliver his keynote here: <https://youtu.be/ELE4qhpoO68>



Call 509-368-6675 for information

CougarRx Nation Alumni Event

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

Football Viewing Party

WSU vs. Stanford
October 31, 2015
Honolulu, 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.

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

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PHARMACY MENTORS

I want to also extend my appreciation to all of you who volunteered to be a professional mentor in the last two years. You answered our call and we were again able to match every incoming student pharmacist with a mentor. I know we would not be able to achieve all that we have in the last few years—and we will not be able to achieve all that we are aspiring to—without the support of our amazing alumni mentors!



At the alumni and student mentoring reception in Spokane, Natasha Heimbigner, class of 2014, gave such a noteworthy address to our student pharmacists that we have developed her keynote into an online resource for our mentor program and it is now available online: [Five insights on mentors for incoming student pharmacists](#)

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ADVISORY COUNCILS

We had the College of Pharmacy Dean's Advisory Council and Yakima Advisory Council meetings on the PNWU campus in Yakima on August 20.



I would like to both introduce and say thank you to our volunteers who serve the college in this very important advisory role. The perspective and insight we gain from these groups allows to us to ensure the academic and strategic goals of the college align to meet the needs of both the communities we serve and the professional landscape for pharmacy across the country.

Dean's Advisory Council

- Merrie Kay Alzola, '93
- David Bell, '76
- Nick Bruck, '04
- Manpreet Chahal, '08, '10
- Gerald Danquist, '65
- David Doane, '86
- Jill Kerrick Walker, '87

Yakima Advisory Council

- Jim Aberle
- Micah Cawley
- Anita Cleary
- Tanny Davenport
- Joseph Farina, '74
- Daniel Ferguson
- Dennis Hoover, '80

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\$50 per year
(\$75 for joint membership)

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are social,
Join Us!



Go Cougs!

Janet Kusler, '80
John Oftebro, '65
Steven Riddle, '84

Mary Johnson
Kathleen McAteer
Timothy Melhorn
Patrick O'Connor, '95
Kathleen Ross
Joel Thome
TJ Tjarnberg
Jackie Widhalm

STUDENT NEWS

We highlighted several students over the summer who were participating in some very exciting pharmacy internships and training programs. We caught up with them recently to hear how their adventures went. Read about their experiences here: [Student pharmacist 2015 summer recap](#)

We will once again be hosting the annual WSU Health Sciences Career Fair in Spokane on October 14-15. If you work for a pharmacy or company that would be interested in hosting a booth to interact with our student pharmacists and other students at WSU Health Sciences Spokane, please contact Lindsey Friedly at lindsey.friedly@wsu.edu.

PRECEPTOR OF THE YEAR



I am so pleased to congratulate Angelo Ballasiotes, a clinical pharmacist at Central Washington Comprehensive Mental Health and class of 1995, who has been named our 2015 Preceptor of the Year. I echo the comments made by our Experiential Programs Assistant Director Luke Rice who said, "Preceptors like him genuinely care for and prepare

our student pharmacists to be exceptional patient care providers and leaders who advance the profession of pharmacy to unprecedented levels."

Angelo was nominated by Glen Chase, class of 2015, and we surprised him with the award at our student luncheon right before the Yakima White Coat Ceremony, where he generously delivered a wonderful keynote address. Our students are so lucky to have access to such an excellent mentor and preceptor!

Read the WSU News story on Angelo here: [Yakima pharmacist recognized for excellence in practice, teaching](#)

ALUMNI NEWS



Bert Porter, class of 1950, and Marguerite Villars were recognized at the Washington State Pharmacy Association 125th anniversary celebration in Leavenworth in August. These two have made a profound impact on the practice of pharmacy in our state.

Our annual Homecoming Weekend is shaping up to be a fun-packed couple of days. Please join us in Spokane on October 16 for an open house at the Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences Building ([RSVP online](#)). There will once again be prizes for the first 50 alums in the door! Then join us in Pullman on Saturday, October 17, for our annual Cougar football tailgate in the Wegner Hall parking lot ([RSVP online](#)). The party starts two hours before kick-off, so don't miss it!

WAVE THE FLAG FOR PHARMACY

Remember there's still time to Wave the Flag for Pharmacy! Send us a photo and we'll enter you in our photo contest. Email photos to gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu.

I hope to see you soon, and Go Cougs!

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

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ALUMNI UPDATES

- **Ken Robinson**, class of 1970 and 2001, was recently in the Eureka Times-Standard newspaper. He will be teaching a pharmacy technician course this fall at the College of the Redwoods in Eureka, California. [read article](#)

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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