

ALUMNI NEWS COUGARx

EDUCATING FUTURE LEADERS IN PHARMACY

CALENDAR

Cougarx Nation & Admitted Student Reception

Saturday, April 16, 2016
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Cowiche Canyon Kitchen & Icehouse
202 E. Yakima Avenue
Yakima, Wash.
RSVP »

New Drugs New Laws Seminar (WSPA)

Reception to follow seminar
April 17, 2016
WSU Health Sciences
Spokane, Wash.
RSVP »

Celebrating Generosity

Donor Appreciation and Awards Night
April 22, 2016
5:30 p.m.
WSU Health Sciences
Spokane, Wash.
RSVP »

Commencement

May 5, 2016
1:00 p.m.
Fox Theater
Spokane, Wash.
RSVP »

APRIL 2016



A Message from Linda Garrelts MacLean
Associate Dean for Advancement

Dear Alums, Colleagues and Friends of Pharmacy,

Curriculum innovation has been a popular topic in universities and at our college the last few years. In 2013, we implemented our Honors-Satisfactory-Fail grading model. This new model puts an emphasis on the demonstration of skills rather than the attainment of an overall course grade. [Click here](#) for more information on this topic.

Within the last year we have also adopted an active learning curricular model. This eliminates the lecture-style format and allows for more interaction and activities during class time. Both of these innovations have shown to be extremely effective at our college and are being noticed by other institutions. It is so exciting as a professor to see first-hand how these changes positively impact our students!

You can read about our journey with curriculum innovation in the AACP magazine, Academic Pharmacy NOW. Our college and Gary Pollack are on page 17. [Read the article »](#)

STUDENT NEWS



In January, Juliet Nguyen class of 2018, was appointed to serve a five-year term on the U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention's Health Literacy Expert Panel. This is a major accomplishment for Juliet and also for the WSU College of Pharmacy.

[Read the full news story »](#)

CougarRx Nation & Admitted Student Reception

Thursday, May 12, 2016
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Columbia Tower Club
701 Fifth Avenue
Columbia Center 75th Floor
Seattle, WA 98104
[RSVP »](#)

Details on upcoming events will be posted as they become available on our CougarRx Nation events web page »

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This year, WSU had three pharmacy students selected for the summer business leadership program sponsored by Live Oak Bank! Tory Knebel, class of 2019, Carmela Severin, class of 2018, and Lauren Pollock, class of 2018, will attend this week-long, intensive training program that brings experts from across the country to share strategies on owning and operating a successful pharmacy. Way to go!



Congratulations to our WSU compounding team, which placed third overall in the National Student Pharmacist Compounding Competition at the University of Southern California. The team included Bonnie Chih, class of 2016, Kimberly Paulson, class of 2017, and Shauna Maple, class of 2018.

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Lastly, it's not just Pharm.D. students who are advocating for the pharmacy profession. Our Ph.D. student, Kari Gaither, recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to educate legislators about the impact that stagnant funding has on the scientific research community.

[Read the full article here »](#)

COLLEGE NEWS

Commencement will be held on Thursday, May 5 at 1:00 p.m. at the Martin Woldson Theater at the FOX. A reception will immediately follow in the Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences building lobby on campus. Our commencement keynote speaker will be Laura Cranston, the executive director of the Pharmacy Quality Alliance.

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On March 2, Dr. Paul Watkins presented "Why good drugs are sometimes bad for the liver" as part of the [Allen I. White Lectureship](#). Watkins is the Director of the University of North Carolina Institute for Drug Safety Sciences and professor of medicine, pharmacy and public health at the

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Watkins is also a mentor to our Associate Professor Mary Paine!

ALUMNI EVENTS

We will be in Yakima tomorrow, April 16, for a CougarRx Nation reception! If you are in the area please join us at the Cowiche Canyon Kitchen & Icehouse at 3:00 p.m. [View details »](#)

If you're in the Seattle area, join us on May 12 at 5:30 p.m. for a CougarRx

Pharmacy alumni
are social,
Join Us!



Go Cougs!

Nation Reception at the Columbia Tower Club. [View details and RSVP »](#)

The Beta Pi Chapter of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity will be celebrating their centennial anniversary this weekend, April 15 -17, in Spokane. This celebration will include a continuing education seminar, banquet and lots of time to catch up with friends. Learn more on their [website](#).

Lastly, don't forget to RSVP to our Donor Appreciation and Awards Night, Celebrating Generosity, on April 22! This is such a special event where we get to thank you for all your support to our college and students. This event is on our WSU Health Sciences Campus in Spokane. The silent auction will start at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner and program will start at 6:30 p.m.

[Click here to RSVP »](#)

I hope to see you all there!

With Cougar pride,

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125TH ANNIVERSARY

TRIVIA

Great job to all who answered our trivia question last month. Congratulations to our March winner, Deborah Askins, class of 1978, who correctly guessed that George H. Watt was the first Dean of the WSU College of Pharmacy.

In case you missed it, each month we will post a college trivia question in this newsletter. Those who answer it correctly will be entered in a monthly drawing for two complimentary tickets to our [125th Anniversary Gala](#) on November 4.

Which professor emeritus is nationally recognized as a top diabetes educator?

- a. Keith Campbell
- b. Josh Neumiller
- c. John White
- d. Jason Gesser

[Click here to submit your answer!](#)

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT – APRIL



During the College of Pharmacy's 125th anniversary this year, we are taking some time to reflect on the history of the college and those who have contributed to our students and our legacy. When it comes to legacy at the College of Pharmacy, one of the first names that comes to mind is the Doane family. [Read more »](#)

ALUMNI UPDATES

- At the Kappa Psi centennial event in Spokane, the group will charter the Palouse Graduate Chapter for Kappa Psi alumni living in Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho and Northeastern Oregon. Chartering membership includes **Shane Johnson** (Beta Pi, 2013), **Cammi Johnson** (Beta Pi, 2013), **Alex Pfeiffer** (Gamma Eta, 2013), **Kaylyn Johnston** (Gamma Eta, 2015), **Janice Louie** (Beta Pi, 2011), **Sherry Whitley** (Beta Pi, 2011), **Chad Seely** (Gamma Eta, 2011), **Sean Leonard** (Beta Pi, 2015), and **Jennifer Czapinski** (Beta Pi, 2015).
- We received an update on **Craig Cox**, class of 1999, who is an associate professor at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) School of Pharmacy. Craig oversees all experiential rotation activities at four campuses. This February, Craig was honored with the TTUHSC Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award, the highest honor given by the university to faculty members. Congratulations Craig!
- **Steve Riddle**, class of 1984, was awarded the ASHP's 2015 Distinguished Service Award. [Click here to read the article.](#)
- **John Oftebro**, class of 1965, was awarded the American College of Apothecaries Research and Education Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award. [Click here to read the article.](#)
- **Linda Garrelts MacLean**, class of 1978, was sworn in as a fellow of the American College of Apothecaries in February 2016. [View photo »](#)
- **Josh Akers**, class of 2007, will be a featured guest speaker at the 2016 Katterman Lecture. [Click here to read more.](#)

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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