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UPCOMING EVENTS

**WSU College of Pharmacy
Dean's Welcome BBQ**

Wed. August 21, 2013 | 11:30
a.m.
Health Sciences Building Patio
WSU Spokane Campus
Spokane, Wash.

**Washington State Pharmacy
Foundation
Scholarship Scramble
Golf Tournament**

Spokane: August 25, 2013
Seattle: September 8, 2013
[compete event details »](#)
register online: www.wsparx.org

**Homecoming Football Game
Pharmacy Tailgate Party**

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013
2 hours prior to kick-off
Wegner Hall Lawn,
Pullman, Wash.
RSVP »
[compete event details »](#)

**WSU Football Game in Seattle
Pharmacy Tailgate Party**

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013
2 hours prior to kick-off
Century Link Event Center
Seattle, Wash.
[complete event details »](#)

Professor R. Keith Campbell



AUGUST 2013

A Message from Linda Garrelts MacLean
Associate Dean for Advancement

Hello Alums, Colleagues and Friends of Pharmacy,

It's hard to believe that the class of 2017 is already on campus this week for orientation, which culminates in the White Coat Ceremony on Friday, August 16. We're looking forward to the first day of classes on Monday, August 19, particularly since this year represents a milestone for WSU College of Pharmacy: ALL of our students will be together in Spokane beginning this semester. It's an exciting time to be a Cougar Pharmacist!

NEW BUILDING UPDATE

Information on our new Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences Building was included in a recent WSU update from University President Elson S. Floyd. You can read his article here: [Office of the President](#). We are eagerly anticipating our winter move-in date, which will finally draw the College of Pharmacy's transition to Spokane to a close. If you haven't been following the building progress, you can read all about it (and view our web cam!) on our website: [New Building](#).

We also have a photo album of some of the building progress posted in our [photo gallery](#).

FACULTY NEWS

Please join me on Saturday, October 5, 2013, at the Spokane Club in Spokane, Wash., to honor Professor Keith Campbell's 45 years of service to the WSU College of Pharmacy. This retirement gala celebration will benefit the new R. Keith Campbell Endowed Scholarship. Find complete details on this event and buy tickets online here: [Save the Date](#).

STUDENT NEWS

I want to share with you - with her permission of course - a very impressive email that our alumna of the year, Nancy Gerstad (Class of '74), sent to the students who participated in a spring visit with lawmakers in Washington, D.C.:

Kudos to You, Cougar Pharmacy Students!

I was delighted to hear from Linda MacLean about how articulate you were in your efforts to educate members of Congress about issues in health care. That

**Retirement Gala
Celebration**

Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013

5:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception

6:00 p.m. Program & Live Auction

The Spokane Club

Spokane, Wash.

[view the Save-the-Date »](#)

**National Community
Pharmacists Association
Convention**

**WSU Pharmacy Alumni
Reception**

Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013

Orlando, Fla.

details to come

More upcoming events
can be found on our Pharmacy
Alumni Chapter [web page »](#)

**Don't forget to join the
College of Pharmacy
Alumni Chapter!**

We are updating our online
sign-up form, so for now
write to Elaine or Kelly at
gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu
to register. Cost is \$20

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Support the College!**



said, after my visit to your legislative action seminar in April I was not at all surprised. As we discussed during my visit with you, in addition to the provision of care to individuals, health care leaders have the extra responsibility to advocate for thoughtful, evidence based practices for the entire population. It is exciting for me to see the ardor with which you have embraced this responsibility.

As you know from your review of "The Bitter Pill" in Time magazine (March 5, 2013) our society is at a critical point as to the affordability of health care. The appropriate use of drugs is one part of the solution, policy changes regarding the economics of the pharmaceutical industry is another. You are in a unique position to affect both. This is indeed an exciting challenge.

I laud you for your efforts to promote affordable health care, I encourage you to stay involved in health care policy and I wish you great success in your academic and professional careers. Keep me in the loop with your activities.



*With Cougar Pride,
Nancy Gerstad, MD*

Student pharmacist Lisa Garza has participated in the annual NCPA visit with lawmakers for three years now and said she gets something different out of each experience:

"Ultimately, my take away was to try hard to stay involved once I graduate and encourage my colleagues to do the same," Lisa said.

The students talked with lawmakers this year about the ban on delivery of diabetic testing supplies, preferred pharmacy networks, new compounding legislation, and pharmacists as providers of patient care.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT EVENTS

I would like to invite you to the Washington State Pharmacy Foundation (WSPF) Scholarship Scramble Golf Tournament. There will be a tournament on Sunday, August 25, at the Sundance Golf Course in Spokane, and one on Sunday, September 8, at Willows Run in Redmond, Wash. Proceeds from these events will benefit the WSPF student scholarship fund and our Marguerite Villars endowed scholarship fund. Tee sponsors and event sponsors are also needed. You can register online at www.wsparx.org or contact Bill Fassett at b.fassett@comcast.net for more information. We also have the event details listed on our [alumni chapter web page](#).

We're looking forward to a great year,

Go Cougs!

Linda Garrelts MacLean, BPharm, RPh, CDE
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ALUMNI UPDATES

- The WSU Foundation wrote a great update on John (class of 1968) and Claudia Swenson: [Alumni couple supports excellence in the WSU College of Pharmacy](#)
- Janet Kusler, class of 1980, of Kuslers Pharmacy in Snohomish, Wash., was selected as the recipient of the 2013 National Preceptor of the Year Award by the National Community Pharmacists Association Foundation. [Read the news story](#)
- Jessica Monique Carpenter, class of 2010, is living in Chewelah, WA and working at WalMart in Colville, WA. You can email her at jessica.carpenter@email.wsu.edu if you'd like to get in touch.

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