A Message from Linda Garrelts MacLean Associate Dean for Advancement

Dear Alums, Colleagues and Friends of Pharmacy,

It's half-way through the academic year, and as we wrap up finals and look to the new year this is a good time to pause and take stock of all the great things that we have accomplished together and the exciting things that are to come for the College of Pharmacy.

OUR NEW HOME

On Wednesday, Dec. 4, we celebrated our new home in the Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences building with an open house. A formal ribbon cutting and dedication was held on Friday, Dec. 6, and three former deans of the College of Pharmacy were in attendance (pictured left). Dean Gary Pollack was deeply grateful to the former deans for their attendance and participation at the building dedication ceremony. These were such special events because of what it means for our College to finally open the doors of this great facility to our students and researchers.

Years of loyalty, tenacity and hard work from College faculty, staff, alumni, and friends have made the vision to advance the WSU College of Pharmacy as an innovator and leader in pharmacy education and research a reality. We now have the facilities that give us a platform to launch forward from, making this a new beginning for Cougar pharmacy.

Here are some highlights from the recent building events:

- Over 300 people joined us for cake and tours, and to celebrate with us on Dec. 4. Read more
- Over 400 people joined WSU President Elson Floyd and Chancellor Lisa Brown at the building dedication on Dec. 6. Read more
- John Oftebro, class of 1965, generously contributed for the naming of the Dean's Conference Room. John said he is proud to make this contribution because of the "wonderful education I received from the WSU College of Pharmacy" which he credited to Dean Allen White, along with many other professors. John said he is “pleased to be able to give back to the College and I hope this will encourage others to reinvest in their education.” Thank you John!
- Walgreens donated a half million dollars to name the Walgreens
Auditorium. The presentation was made at the open house by alumnus Nick Bruck, class of 2004. Read more
- See photo albums of the faculty move-in and open house celebration here »

Pharmacy faculty in Spokane began moving in to their brand new, state-of-the art teaching and research spaces on Nov. 25, and the last of the research labs and faculty will be moved from Pullman at the end of December.

Moving to Spokane advances the College mission to improve human health through excellence in collaborative research and scholarship, and to develop outstanding healthcare professionals and scientists by strategically placing our researchers and students within the University District of the second largest city in Washington and major health services hub of the Pacific Northwest. This proximity to the “bustling” healthcare neighborhood of Spokane gives our students and researchers learning and collaboration opportunities that would not be available, or as easily obtained, from the Pullman campus.

STUDENT NEWS
And speaking of learning and collaboration opportunities, I am very excited to give you more details on our new student pharmacist mentor program sponsored by Fred Meyer that will be launching in 2014.

To develop the best and the brightest students into the next leaders of pharmacy innovation and practice, we are pairing each WSU student pharmacist with a volunteer alumni mentor or WSU preceptor. This unique professional relationship will give future pharmacy leaders an individual role model, will provide one-on-one professional development opportunities for them, and will give our alumni a chance to give back and make a difference in a student’s future.

You can find more program details on our website: Doctor of Pharmacy Mentor Program

Click Here to Volunteer!
Please fill out our online form if you are interested in mentoring a WSU student pharmacist. You will be contacted with more details as the program gets rolling.

Or, if you know of someone who might be interested in being an alumni mentor, please share this newsletter with them!

ALUMNI NEWS
More than 70 students and alums attended the WSU College of Pharmacy ASHP reception on Dec. 8 at David’s Club in the Hilton Orlando Hotel. The reception gave our students a chance to interact with alumni. Our student pharmacists enjoyed making professional contacts with fellow Cougars and potential employers. Thanks to all who attended!

Here is a photo from the reception:
The Cougars are going bowling—You’ve no doubt heard that Cougar football will face the Colorado State Rams in the Gildan New Mexico Bowl on Dec 21.

If you can’t get to the game and are in the Spokane area, come to the WSU Alumni Association’s official viewing party at The Swinging Doors on Francis Avenue in North Spokane. We will have a section reserved for Cougar pharmacists to watch the game, but please RSVP to gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu so we have an idea of how many to expect.

If you are in other areas, there is complete list of viewing parties on the WSU athletics website that can be viewed here »

I also want to be sure you have the link www.pharmacy.wsu.edu/give should you want to make an end of year contribution. Our students are the beneficiaries of your generosity!

Wishing you a holiday season filled with the joy and warmth associated with family and friends.

With Cougar Pride,

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STUDENT UPDATE

Sad News: It is with profound sadness we share the news of the unexpected passing of Brett Periard, one of our second-year student pharmacists. Our deepest condolences go out to Brett’s wife, Iulia Vartolomei, and family. Read the full obituary

To honor Brett, we have established the Brett Periard Memorial Scholarship fund.

ALUMNI UPDATES

- Russ Myers, class of 1977, and Carol VanEvenhoven, class of 1999, both currently working at Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital, recently stopped by the College of Pharmacy to participate in our Career Seminar Series. Read the news brief


- The online publication Diabetes Mine highlighted College of Pharmacy Professor Emeritus R. Keith Campbell, class of 1964. Read the article

- Bert Porter, class of 1950, let us know about the passing of classmate Floyd Triplett. Our condolences to his family. Read the full obituary

Want to be listed here in our alumni updates? Send us your career update or let us know what you’ve been up to! gocoug@pharmacy.wsu.edu

Have you included the College of Pharmacy in your estate plans? For more information, please contact us or visit the WSU Foundation website.