

Washington State University College of Pharmacy

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COUGAR<sup>RX</sup> alumni news

JULY 2013

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Homecoming Football Game  
Pharmacy Alumni  
Reception**

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013  
2 hours prior to kick-off  
Wegner Hall Lawn,  
Pullman, Wash.

[RSVP »](#)  
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**WSU Football Game in  
Seattle  
Pharmacy Alumni  
Reception**

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013  
2 hours prior to kick-off  
Century Link Event Center  
Seattle, Wash.

[complete event details »](#)

**National Community  
Pharmacists Association  
Convention  
WSU Pharmacy Alumni  
Reception**

Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013  
Orlando, Fla.  
details to come

**WSU College of Pharmacy  
New Building Open  
House**

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013  
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Spokane, Wash.  
details to come



A Message from Linda Garrelts MacLean  
Associate Dean for Advancement

Dear Alums, Colleagues and Friends of Pharmacy,

I hope you all had a happy and safe Fourth of July! The summer heat has hit Spokane, so I would like to take this opportunity to update you on what's heating up at the College of Pharmacy.

**ALUMNI NEWS**

We recently surveyed the classes of 2009, 2010 and 2011 about their education and time at WSU as part of our ongoing curriculum assessment. I want to thank those who completed the survey. It was great to receive so many positive connections from our alums! We highlighted one response on our [alumni news](#) web page to share with you. If you were not part of the classes that were surveyed but would like to update us on what you've been up to, please send us an email at [gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu](mailto:gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu).

**NEW FACULTY**

I'm excited to announce the return of a few of our alums, and to welcome them to ranks of our esteemed faculty:

- Julie Akers, Pharm.D. (class of 2000), clinical assistant professor in pharmacotherapy
- Connie Remsberg, Ph.D. (class of 2011), Pharm.D. (class of 2010), clinical assistant professor in pharmaceutical sciences
- Shannon G. (Irving) Panther, Pharm.D. (class of 2005), clinical assistant professor in pharmacotherapy

The complete news story on these appointments will be announced soon, so watch our [college news](#) web page for more.

**STUDENT NEWS**



In our May newsletter we told you about Pharm.D. student Lindsey Schaffer, class of 2014, who received a 2013 WSU Spokane Chancellor's Award. A new congratulations is in order for Lindsey, who has recently been named a WSU Student Regent! She will be a fabulous representative for the students, and is a shining example of what our pharmacy program is all about. So proud of you Lindsey!

Pharm.D. student Lisa Garza, class of 2014, was selected as a recipient of a \$1,500 Independent

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

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

Already a WSUAA member? Give us a call to add the Pharmacy affiliation!

1-800-258-6978  
or 509-335-2586

new members can register online:

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**Go Cougs!**



Pharmacy Cooperative (IPC) scholarship. Lisa was one of nine students selected from across the country for this award.

And if you've been past our [home page](#) recently you may have noticed two of our new graduate students, Kara Vogel and Brandon Gufford, have received fellowships from the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education. Kara and Brandon will be working in clinical pharmacology with Dr. Mike Gibson and Dr. Mary Paine. You can read more on their fellowships in our college [news story](#).

#### Rx ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Be sure to RSVP for the College of Pharmacy Alumni Receptions at the homecoming football game in Pullman, and the football game at Century Link Event Center in Seattle. Details on these events are on our [Rx Alumni](#) website. If you have questions about any of our alumni events you can email us at [gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu](mailto:gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu), or call our development office at 509-368-6675.

We are looking forward to seeing you there and cheering on the Cougs!

With Cougar Pride,

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#### ALUMNI UPDATES

- Sarah McDaniel, class of 2009, checked in with us from Legacy Good Samaritan in Portland, Ore., where she works as a hospital/transplant pharmacist.
- Andy Stergachis, class of 1975, has been named the editor-in-chief of the Journal of the American Pharmacists Association (JAPhA), based in Washington, D.C. He previously served as the associate dean of the School of Public Health at UW in Seattle, Wash., as well as vice president and chief pharmacist at drugstore.com.
- Maka Hirayama, class of 2011, has been with Target Corporation for the last 2 years and was promoted to district pharmacy manager for Washington and Alaska in December 2012.

Want to be listed here in our alumni updates? Send us your career update or let us know what you've been up to! [gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu](mailto:gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu)



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