Dear Alums, Colleagues and Friends of Pharmacy,

As this last academic year drew to a close, we took some time to recognize our donors, our alums, and our graduates. I would like to take this opportunity to update you on these activities and let you know what we have coming up for the College of Pharmacy.

DONOR APPRECIATION NIGHT
Our Donor Appreciation Night was a special evening to recognize donors, student scholarship recipients, faculty, and friends of the college. This was a huge success this year, and it would not have been possible without the support of this year’s corporate sponsor, Walgreens. Below are a few highlights of the night:

- Outstanding Alumna of the Year was presented to Nancy Gerstad, a short bio on Nancy is provided below.
- Student-voted teachers of the year recognition were awarded to Dr. David Koh (PY1), Prof. Keith Campbell (PY2), Dr. John White (PY3), and Dr. Mark Garrison (PY4).
- Phi Lambda Sigma recognized Dean Gary Pollack, Dr. John White, Dr. Mark Garrison, and Prof. Keith Campbell as honorary members for demonstrating outstanding leadership in their profession.
- Our student organizations earned $2,040 from their silent auction baskets! Thank you to everyone who participated.

ALUMNA OF THE YEAR
Dr. Nancy Gerstad of Chicago, a 1974 College of Pharmacy alumna, has been named the 2012 Outstanding Alum of the Year. Nancy has been an invaluable contributor in the development of our online course in obstetrics currently available to our students and will soon be available to other students and professionals. Read more on Nancy’s award in our college news article. Details on the non-credit online class in obstetrics will be posted on our website here, as they become available.

2013 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
With much Cougar pride we celebrated the class of 2013 at the commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 2, at the beautiful
Martin Woldson Theater at the FOX in downtown Spokane. I want to thank our corporate sponsor, Albertsons, for helping make this event such a memorable occasion.

U.S. assistant surgeon general and licensed pharmacist Scott Giberson challenged the 99 pharmacy graduates, and 39 nutrition and exercise physiology graduates, to aspire to greatness and make the healthcare world a better place in his keynote address.

Giberson also attended the Pharmacy Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 1, on the WSU Spokane campus to give out the Public Health Service award, and is pictured here with Dean Gary Pollack presenting the "Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy" award to 2013 graduate Mylinh Nguyen. CVS was the corporate sponsor for the luncheon and sent two representatives: Richard Sigley from the San Diego region and Brian Zellers from Ventura, Calif. A full list of all our Doctor of Pharmacy award winners is online here.

PharmD student Lindsey Shaffer, class of 2014, was also honored at the WSU Spokane Campus Commencement Breakfast on Friday, May 3. She was selected as a recipient of the 2013 WSU Spokane Chancellor’s Award.

BILL GASKINS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Pullman Regional Hospital, with the help of Professor Keith Campbell, is fundraising to establish the Bill Gaskins Scholars Fund to support scholarships for students training in rural pharmacy. Read more about this in our news article, or to contribute, please contact Keith Campbell at rkcamp@wsu.edu.

KEITH CAMPBELL ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP
And speaking of Prof. Keith Campbell, I was recently asked "Whatever happened to the Campbell endowed chair position for which the college was fundraising?" We are still raising money for that. It is on our short list of fundraising priorities, but meanwhile, we raised enough money to make an endowed professorship and Keith was given the endowment to support his work. If you are interested in giving to this fund, you can read more about it here.

Rx ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
I also invite you to come visit us at our WSU Pharmacy Alumni Reception at the WSPA Northwest (Tri-State) Pharmacy Convention on Saturday, June 1, at 5 p.m., at the Coeur d'Alene Resort Hotel. This will be a great opportunity for us to catch up with you, and it should be a fun evening! You can RSVP to this event by emailing us at gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu.

This is a great time to be a Coug!

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