

Washington State University College of Pharmacy

Educating Future Leaders in Pharmacy

COUGAR<sub>Rx</sub> alumni news



UPCOMING EVENTS

Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences Building Open House  
**WSU College of Pharmacy Open House**

Wed. Dec. 4  
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
Spokane, Wash.  
No charge to attend  
[RSVP »](#)

Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences Building Dedication

Hosted by WSU Spokane  
Fri. Dec. 6, 2013  
1:30-3:30 p.m.  
[more event details »](#)

ASHP Midyear Clinical Meeting  
**WSU Pharmacy Alumni and Friends Reception**

December 8, 2013  
time TBD  
Orlando, Fla.  
[RSVP »](#)

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



NOVEMBER 2013

A Message from Linda Garrelts MacLean  
Associate Dean for Advancement

Hello Alums, Colleagues and Friends of Pharmacy,

If you want to get a sneak peek of the brand new, five-story academic and research facility before the formal building dedication on Friday, Dec. 6, here's your chance! The WSU College of Pharmacy will host an informal building Open House on Wednesday, Dec. 4, starting at 4:30 p.m. at the Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences building in Spokane. Pharmacy students and faculty will provide building tours and refreshments will be served.

Join Dean Gary Pollack and our students, fellow alumni, faculty, staff, and friends to celebrate the culmination of a more than decade-long transition for the college to Spokane, which is one of the biggest events in the history of WSU Pharmacy.



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STUDENT NEWS

We are already beginning to prepare for next year's incoming class of 2018, and we currently have 44 "Early Decision" commitments from prospective students! This is the highest number of commitments we've ever received before November.

This is great news because the need for pharmacists is expected grow according to a recent report by [U.S. News & World Report](#), which ranked pharmacy third in healthcare jobs and third on their 100 Best Jobs list. The report cites the Bureau of Labor Statistics projection of over 25 percent employment growth for pharmacists by 2020, and who better to meet this demand than Cougar pharmacists!

In October we held our annual Career Fair, which featured over 20

exhibitors from healthcare organizations. Students were interviewed by prospective employers and many of our students landed jobs with community pharmacies such as Albertsons, Walgreens, Rite Aid, Safeway, and Fred Meyer.



In addition to the Career Fair, we have implemented a Career Seminar Series to bring pharmacy practice and industry leaders to Spokane and talk about upcoming trends in pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences. Daniel Buffington, Pharm.D., MBA, kicked off the series earlier this month and discussed career opportunities in clinical practice. Read the [news recap on his lecture »](#)

If you have an idea about a worthy seminar or speaker, please [let me know](#).

I am very excited to announce we are working on launching a pharmacy student mentor program! This brand new program will connect our future pharmacy leaders with current pharmacy innovators, and will give our alumni the chance to make a difference in a student's future, to give back, and strengthen the Cougar Family. That's right, I'm looking at you! You could be a student mentor! I'll keep you updated on how to volunteer as details become available.

#### ALUMNI NEWS



photo by Teen Photographers

Rick Doane, class of 1971, received an Outstanding Volunteer Service Award from WSU President Elson Floyd at the recent Board of Trustees meeting.

This award is granted to individuals who have made outstanding contributions in service to the Washington State University Foundation and Washington State University. Congratulations

Rick!

On Halloween night, several guests from the College of Pharmacy were invited to watch the Cougar football game in President Floyd's box suite.



Even though it was a scary night for Cougar football, we all had a great time! Here is a photo of our Pharmacy group.

#### PHARMACY ALUMNI COMMUNITY (Cougar PAC)

Our next alumni event will take place on Sunday, Dec. 8, at the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) convention in Orlando, Fla. The WSU "Alumni & Friends" Reception will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. at David's Club located at the Hilton Hotel in Orlando. Join fellow Cougar pharmacists and industry leaders for great food and conversation! Our event takes place prior to the WSPA "Northwest Reception" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. also at the Hilton Hotel. If you are attending the convention, or if you are in the area, please come by and see us. It is always so great to catch up with our alums! [RSVP for the reception »](#)

With Cougar Pride,

Linda Garrelts MacLean, BPharm, RPh, CDE

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

[Click Here](#) for the link to sign up online or write to Kelly Sylvester at [gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu](mailto:gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu) to register. Cost is \$20

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**Go Cougs!**

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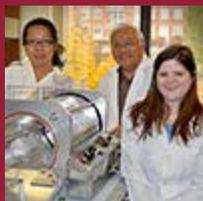
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### ALUMNI UPDATES

- We recently heard from Marshall Roberts, class of 1957, who updated us on his recent travels to Croatia and Slovenia, and let us know about the passing of Mary Sue Clizer Thompson, class of 1953, on Sept. 30. Our condolences to her family.
- Seattle's King 5 health news covered options for flu vaccines with the help of Christina Ree, class of 2011. [Watch the video](#)
- David Wilson, class of 1978, checked in with us from St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institutes where he is an oncology pharmacy manager. The program at St. Luke's was a finalist in 2012 for the ASHP award for excellence in medication-use safety. [Watch the video](#)
- Matt Cox, class of 2005, his father David Cox, class of 1971, and his grandfather Don Cox, class of 1946, are featured at their South Bend Pharmacy in the latest issue of Washington State Magazine. The story is on page 54 of the Winter 2013/14 issue which all alumni should have received in their mailboxes by now, or you can [read it online here](#).
- We also heard from Anna Barrigan, class of 1950. Even though she is in her 80s, she spends more than 30 hours a week volunteering for several non-profits in Port Angeles, Wash., and was honored as a Clallam County Volunteer of the Year for 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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