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OCTOBER 2013

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 »](#)



A Message from Linda Garrelts MacLean
Associate Dean for Advancement

Hello Alums, Colleagues and Friends of Pharmacy,

It has been an action packed semester so far here at the College of Pharmacy! We had some great opportunities to connect with alumni and friends at the Cougar football games, photos are posted on our [Facebook page](#).

The College of Pharmacy was recognized in multiple ways at the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) convention in Orlando on Oct. 12. Part of the WSU contingency at NCPA posed for this photo with Janet Kusler, class of 1980, (third from right) who received the NCPA Preceptor of the Year Award. Janet was nominated by Erik Nelson, class of 2013. Read our news story on Janet [here](#).



Pharm.D. students Lisa Garza and Liz Rankos were also recognized at the NCPA convention. Both received NCPA scholarships!



Our Pharm.D. students nominated Don Spedden, class of 1983, a clinical staff pharmacist at Deaconess Hospital in Spokane, for the WSU Preceptor of the Year Award. Read our news story on Don [here](#).

We have also held several events for future students, including the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Virtual Pharmacy School Fair, and the WSU Junior Fall Preview. We were happy to see all the young minds interested in pharmacy. It is definitely a great time to be a Cougar pharmacist!

STAFF NEWS

I'm sorry to report that Elaine Vincent, development director, will be leaving the College of Pharmacy in October to accept a position with the WSU College of Arts & Sciences in Pullman. We will miss Elaine and wish her many successes in her new endeavor. We've made her promise to keep in touch and come and visit us whenever she's in Spokane. Good luck Elaine!



STUDENT NEWS

Our Pharm.D. students recently traveled to Pullman with faculty preceptors Kimberly McKeirnan and Shannon Panther to administer flu shots to the WSU student athletes, coaches and staff. Together they gave 277 flu vaccines over two days!

Pharmacy students were also on campus in Spokane administering immunizations at the Health and Wellness Fair Oct. 10.

Graduate student Heidi Medford made an appearance on our local news channel, KREM2, to talk about her research under Dr. Sue Marsh on the effects of fast food on heart health. Heidi was awarded a grant by the American Physiological Society to conduct the study. You can watch the news clip [online here](#).

FACULTY NEWS

We had a wonderful time at the Spokane Club on Oct. 5, celebrating Professor R. Keith Campbell's 45 years of service to the College of Pharmacy. Thank you to all who were able to join us for this event; it was great to reconnect with you and hear your stories about Keith!



We raised over \$50,000 for the new R. Keith Campbell Endowed Scholarship Fund. It was phenomenal to see how much support we received from our generous alumni. Thank you everyone who contributed! If you were not able to make it to the event and would like to make a contribution to honor Keith and support pharmacy student scholarships at WSU, [click here](#). It would be fantastic to be able to offer more scholarship opportunities to our deserving students! [Read more](#).

You can also check out the pictures from the gala online [here](#) »

NEW BUILDING UPDATE



Please Save the Date: The Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences Building Open House for the pharmacy community will be on Wednesday, Dec. 4, beginning at 4:30 p.m. This informal event will be a great opportunity to tour the new building with our faculty and students, visit with other alums, meet our new faculty and staff, and celebrate with us!

RSVP to gocougs@pharmacy.wsu.edu.

This building 'sneak peek' is scheduled two days before the formal building dedication on Dec. 6, so come be one of the first to see it!

View our online [Save-the-Date card](#), or [add this event to your calendar](#).

Go Cougs!

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Linda Garrelts MacLean".

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to register. Cost is \$20

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ALUMNI UPDATES

- We heard from Dave Wilson, class of 1978, who has been an oncology pharmacist and manager at MSTI Oncology Pharmacies in Boise, Idaho, for the last 23 years.
- Lou Caldwell, class of 1962, sent us this career update:

"officially retired at the end of 1998, worked fill-in and part time up until Apr 2011, Owned Tacoma Medical Center Pharmacy in Tacoma, sold it in 2008. Spend winters in Sun City, AZ, summers at Lake Tapps, WA. Now have filed my last prescription, counseled my last patient. It has been a great career."

- Lisa Gauthan, class of 1992, passed away on September 21, 2013, after a 13-year battle with cancer. [Read more](#)
- Christopher Mellon, class of 2011, is living in Vancouver, Wash., and working for Target Corp. in Minneapolis for healthcare technology implementation consulting and business process development. A fun fact: he traveled over 100,000 miles last year and provides consultations on technology upgrades for pharmacies all over the country. He is engaged to be married in April 2014.

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



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