

Washington State University College of Pharmacy

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Educating Future Leaders in Pharmacy

Special Edition

CALENDAR

**WSPA Northwest
Pharmacy Convention**
May 29 - June 1, 2014
The Coeur d'Alene Resort
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Bill Fassett Retirement Party
Friday, May 30, 2014
7:30 p.m.
[more details »](#)

Alumni & Student Reception
Saturday, May 31, 2014
4:00 p.m.
The Coeur d'Alene Resort
[more details »](#)

**College of Pharmacy
White Coat Ceremony**
Friday, Aug. 22, 2014
2:00 p.m.
The Lincoln Center
Spokane, Wash.

**Cougar Football
WSU vs. Rutgers**
**College of Pharmacy alumni
reception**
Thursday, Aug. 28, 2014
Seattle, Wash.
Event details coming soon

WSPF Golf Tournament
Sept. 2014 (tentative)

**WSU Spokane
25th Anniversary
Celebration**
Thursday, Sept. 25, 2014
Event details coming soon

MAY 2014



A Message from Gary M. Pollack
Dean of the College of Pharmacy

Dear Alums, Colleagues and Friends of Pharmacy,

The College of Pharmacy has wrapped up another academic year, and last week we welcomed the newest members of our alumni family: the Class of 2014, which is a truly outstanding group of young professionals. The network of Cougar pharmacists grows larger and stronger each year, and all of us look forward to seeing the incredible contributions these new alumni are poised to make.

DEAN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL



I would like to express my appreciation to those individuals who volunteer their time as members of our Dean's Advisory Council and the newly-formed Pharmacy Alumni Community. Both groups met here in Spokane at the beginning of May.

I am particularly indebted to the Advisory Council. This talented group of WSU alumni and pharmacy experts meets twice each year to provide insight and advice on current opportunities and challenges in academic pharmacy, pharmacy practice, and the pharmaceutical industry. Their expertise and dedication to the college is invaluable.

DONOR APPRECIATION & AWARDS NIGHT

On May 2, more than 170 alumni, faculty, staff, students, and supporters of the college gathered on campus for our annual event to honor student scholarship recipients, scholarship donors, and community partners. We recognized many of the students, faculty, alumni, and friends of the college who made this year such a successful one. You can read more on this event here: www.pharmacy.wsu.edu/news

We also announced our Outstanding Alumnus

**College of Pharmacy
Alumni Weekend**

Evening Reception
(previously Alumni Gala)
Friday, Oct. 3, 2014
Location TBD
Spokane, Wash.

**Pharmacy alumni & friends
football tailgate**
Saturday, Oct. 4 2014
Wegner Hall parking lot
Pullman, Wash.
[more details »](#)

**Football Homecoming
WSU vs. California**
Saturday, Oct. 4 2014
Martin Stadium
Pullman, Wash.
purchase tickets:
www.wsucougars.com

NCPA Annual Convention
Oct. 18-22, 2014
WSU alumni reception
Event details coming soon

**College of Pharmacy
Diabetes Prevention
Summit**
Nov. 2014

**ASHP Midyear Clinical
Meeting**
Dec. 2014
WSU alumni reception
Event details coming soon

Details on upcoming events
will be posted as they
become available on our
**Pharmacy Alumni
Community web page »**

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DEAN**

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of the Year: Wayne Clemens, class of 1970. Wayne was honored for his long-standing contributions to our Doctor of Pharmacy program, particularly through supporting education in pharmaceutical compounding. You can read more about Wayne and this award here: www.pharmacy.wsu.edu/news

View the donor appreciation event photo album here: www.pharmacy.wsu.edu/images/photogallery

COLLEGE OF PHARMACY COMMENCEMENT



Our 2014 commencement ceremony took place at the Martin Woldson Theater at the FOX in downtown Spokane on Thursday, May 8.

As a health-professions college, we have the advantage of inviting commencement speakers whose message can connect with the professional aspirations of the majority of our graduates. Susan Winckler, president and chief executive officer of the Food and Drug Law Institute and former chief-of-staff of the US Food and Drug Administration, delivered an inspiring and meaningful commencement address this year. Susan was extremely generous with her time, and was able to meet with a variety of students and faculty prior to commencement.

**WSPA NORTHWEST PHARMACY CONVENTION AND
BILL FASSETT RETIREMENT PARTY**



We invite you to join us in Coeur d'Alene for the Northwest Pharmacy Convention at the end of May. If you do not have plans to attend the convention, please join us anyway at the Coeur d'Alene Resort on May 30 for a celebration in honor of Dr. Bill Fassett.

Bill will be retiring from the WSU College of Pharmacy after 15 years of leadership and service. He is a former dean of our college, and is a nationally-recognized scholar and a talented educator in pharmacy law and ethics.

[See event details](#) | [RSVP online](#) | [Read more about Bill](#)

PHARMACY CAREER SEMINAR SERIES

Our college is fortunate to have a broad network of alumni who continue to give back by serving as preceptors, adjunct faculty, mentors to our current students, and guest speakers.

We recently wrapped up our second year of the guest lecture series "Preparing for Your Career in Pharmacy." Speakers in this series provide our student pharmacists with a vision of how the profession is evolving and the opportunities that exist for future pharmacists to change and

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College of Pharmacy
Alumni Community

Membership is
\$50 per year
(\$75 for joint membership)

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advance the practice of pharmacy.

Six of our speakers this year were WSU pharmacy alumni. We are certain that there are many more of you out there doing great things. If you are interested in visiting us and interacting with our students to provide your perspective on the health care landscape, please visit the seminar series web page and contact us. We truly value the ability to expose our students to current thought leaders and innovators.

[seminar series photo album](#) | [seminar series web page](#)

To those of you who would like to be more involved with our college, we offer the following suggestions:

- Reconnect with your alma mater by attending a Pharmacy Alumni Community event. You can view the calendar of upcoming activities in 2014 here: pharmacy.wsu.edu/alumnifriends
- Mentor a Pharm.D. student. You can visit our website: [/pharmacymentorvolunteer.html](#), and our staff will get in touch with you to provide more details.
- Receive college curriculum and research updates. You can subscribe to our monthly newsletter: www.pharmacy.wsu.edu/newsletter/subscribe, in addition to the alumni newsletter you already receive.

I hope to see you at future College of Pharmacy events, and encourage you to join our new Pharmacy Alumni Community so we can continue to work together to make the WSU College of Pharmacy an exceptional choice for pharmacy education and pharmaceutical research.

Best Wishes,

Gary M. Pollack, Ph.D.

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ALUMNI UPDATES

- **Brain Hocum**, class of 2007, presented at the 2014 National Pharmacy Forum in Scottsdale, Ariz., in February. [Read a summary of the conference here.](#)
- **Shane Robert Johnson**, class of 2013, checked in with us as he finished up a rural medicine residency in McCall, Idaho. He and **Cammi (Burns) Johnson**, class of 2013, were married Oct. 5, 2013. Cammi has been working for Malley's Compounding Pharmacy in the Tri-Cities area, and Shane just accepted a clinical pharmacist position at Kadlec Senior Clinic in Tri-Cities.
- **Kurt Schanzenbach**, class of 1976, says aloha from the Queen's Medical Center in West Oahu, Hawaii. Kurt has been a director there for the last 14 years. He let us know that **Kara (Parsons) Izumi**, class of 2005, was just recognized as Employee of the Year! Other Cougs on his pharmacy staff include pharmacy manager **Marcy (Matsukawa) Rapp**, class of 2007; **Iris Kim**, class of 2009; and **Cheryl Kobayashi**, class of 2011.
- **Rachelle Albay**, class of 2014, received the Larry G. Bettsworth Health System Pharmacy Student Award. This monetary award is given to a graduating student pursuing continued training in a health-system pharmacy residency program. Rachelle has accepted a residency position with Kaiser in San Diego.

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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