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Welcome!

Welcome to the WSPA Annual Meeting! Events such as these build our social connections, which in turn makes each of us more resilient to stress and burnout. Networking and connecting are powerful, and we have designed this meeting with longer breaks, interactive sessions and inspiring topics to rekindle your inner flames and build back your resilence. If you are a first time attendee, please reach out the the WSPA staff and board members to help you connect with peers and navigate the meeting. We are thrilled you are back meeting with us!

Who We Are

Founded in 1890, the Washington State Pharmacy Association is a professional trade association representing our member pharmacists, technicians, student pharmacists and pharmacies in all practice settings. The leadership of the WSPA is comprised of a Board of Directors elected by the membership.

The Washington State Pharmacy Association is the home and voice of pharmacy practice. We advocate on behalf of the profession to ensure pharmacy professionals are uniformly recognized as a vital member of the healthcare team.

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CE Information & Requirements

Annual Meeting Online CE Platform and Presentation Materials

The WSPA uses an online CE platform, Lecture Panda (LP) for the WSPA Annual Meeting. Meeting participants can use LP for each session to access the full accreditation information, download and view presentation slides and handouts, claim CE credit, and evaluate sessions.

Your profile is unique to each WSPA meeting, so you will need to create your new profile for the Annual Meeting at this link: https://www.lecturepanda.com/a/AnnualMeeting2026WSPA or by scanning the attached QR code. As always, your NABP# and date of birth is required for pharmacists and technicians to register and claim CE credit. Once you create your profile, you will receive an email from "LecturePanda". Please keep this email as this will be how you access your profile again. The email contains a link to view CE session objectives and full accreditation information, upload CE credit and download presentation materials. Presentation slides and handouts can be accessed through the "Materials" section in LP. Use this tab to download and print presentations before the meeting. Printed handouts or presentations will not be provided at the meeting. Also, the CE sessions will have Wi-Fi available so you may bring a laptop, phone or tablet to log your CEs and take notes.

CE Requirement – Secret Codes and Online Evaluation

In order to receive credit, participants must go into LP to submit the secret codes and evaluation for each CE activity attended. At the end of each CE presentation, participants will be provided with a secret code. Participants can document the code on the Activity Description and CE Tracking Form available at the registration desk. To receive credit for the activity, participants must follow the **LP Registration and Upload Instructions** provided on the website and at the meeting. WSPA staff will be available throughout the meeting to assist you with the CE upload. Participants will only have **60 days** from the activity date to upload CE credits in order to receive credit. The CE credit will then be uploaded to the CPE Monitor and attendance of CE can be tracked through that system. **It is your responsibility to check the CPE Monitor within the 60 days' timeframe to confirm that all of your CEs have been uploaded.**

In order to process CE credits, participants must provide the correct NABP e-Profile ID number along with their birth month and day (MMDD format). The NABP e-Profile ID number is a six to eight-digit number, and it is NOT your license number, NPI number or store NABP#. If you need to verify your number or have not yet registered for one, please visit www.MyCPEMonitor.net.

Technician or Pharmacist Accredited CE

The CPE activities accredited for pharmacists will have a designation of "P" next to the ACPE number. CPE activities accredited for technicians will have a "T". For example, "ACPE # 0130-0000-26-001-L04-P&T" is accredited for both pharmacists and technicians.

How to Understand CE Subject Classification

ACPE # 0130-0000-26-001-L04-P&T; this ACPE number has L04 which means it's a live event and classified as pharmacy administration. A list of definitions is below:

L01 – Disease State/Drug Therapy
L02 – HIV/AIDS Therapy
L03 – Law Related to Pharmacy Practice
L04 – Pharmacy Administration
L05 – Patient Safety
L06 – Immunizations
L07 – Compounding
L08 – Pain Management/Opioid/SUD
L99 – Additional Topic Areas

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Agenda At-A-Glance

Friday | November 13, 2026

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	**Registration Desk Hours** Coffee Service - 8:00 AM		
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	**Sunrise Breakfast Presentation by CSL Behring (No CE Offered)** *KCENTRA® Prothrombin Complex Concentrate (Human) – Urgent Warfarin Reversal with Proven Speed and Trusted Safety For 10+ Years in the US* Room: Miller		
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	**Hormones Through the Ages: Contraception and Menopause Essentials** Room: Owens A	**What the Recruiter Sees: A Guide to Resumes and CVs** Room: Owens B	**Ambulatory Care Networking Session: A Pharmacy Professional's Guide to Treating Heart Failure** Room: Masterson
10:20 AM – 11:50 AM	**Keynote: Past, Present, and Future of AI-enabled Therapeutics Development** Room: Owens A/B		
11:50 AM – 1:00 PM	**Noon Knowledge Break Lunch Presentation by AbbVie** *Managing Depression in MDD (Adjunctive) & Bipolar I Patients* Room: Miller	**CPESN Meeting** Room: Masterson	
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	**Trimming the Fat: A Review of the 2026 ACC/AHA Multi-Society Cholesterol Guidelines and Update of Therapeutics** Room: Owens A	**Health-Systems Networking Session: Addressing Costs and Impacts in 2027** Room: Owens B	**Community Networking Session: Fill Your Own Cup: Burnout Tools for Pharmacy Professionals When Demand Peaks** Room: Masterson
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	**On the cUSP of Disaster: Medication Safety and Risk Management Principles for Sterile Compounding** Room: Owens A	**Washington Recovery Assistance Program for Pharmacy** Room: Owens B	**Independent Networking Session: Pharmacy Practice Trends & Updates** Room: Masterson
3:30 PM – 6:30 PM	**Exhibit Hall & Reception** Prize Drawing 6:15 PM (Must be present to win!) Room: Rialto Ballroom & Foyers		
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	**Pharmacy Residency Tips & Tricks Panel** (No CE Offered) Room: Masterson		
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	**Poster Presentations: Meet the Authors** Poster Display: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (Convention Center Hallway)		
6:15 PM – 7:45 PM	**Dinner & Discussion Presentation by Gilead** *Say Yes to PrEP Innovation: Clinical Review of a Long-Acting HIV Prevention* Room: Miller		
8:00 PM – 9:00 PM	**Cheers with Peers** Room: The Source Plates and Pours (Located in the resort lobby)		

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11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	**"If It Wasn't Shared, It Didn't Happen": Pharmacy and Interoperability** Room: Owens A/B		
12:30 PM – 1:45 PM	**Leadership Luncheon** Come listen to the incoming president remarks and welcome new WSPA board members (All attendees welcome) Room: Rialto A/B		
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	**Novel Therapeutic Advancements in Treatment Resistant Depression** Room: Owens A	**No Code, No Problem: Using AI to Conquer Excel Formulas and Macros** Room: Owens B	**Pharmacy Technician Networking Session: Finding Career Fulfillment: Values, Strengths, and Purpose** Room: Miller
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CE Descriptions

Friday, November 13, 2026

Hormones Through the Ages:
Contraception and Menopause Essentials
Speakers: James Lin, PharmD &
Hollie Wakelyn, PharmD, BCACP, MSCP
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM | Owens A

Washington State requires health plans to cover OTC contraception claims. Despite this, barriers exist. This presentation will explore the laws, barriers, and resources related to helping patients access OTC contraception. Menopause is more than hot flashes, and pharmacists play an important role in helping patients navigate today's growing range of treatment options. This practical session explores FDA-approved hormonal and nonhormonal therapies, available products and formulations, safety considerations, and the real-world challenges of insurance coverage, cost, and access.

What the Recruiter Sees: A Guide to Resumes and CVs
Speaker: Matthew Phillips
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM | Owens B

CV or resume? Most pharmacy professionals aren't sure which one a given opportunity calls for — or what belongs on either. In this session, a recruiter who has reviewed tens of thousands of these documents breaks down the real differences between the two, when each one belongs in an application, and what earns a place in the top third of the page. You'll see how a recruiter reads a CV in the first seven seconds, work through a real example with the person next to you to spot what's strong and what's missing and leave with specific guidance across practice settings. Come ready to participate — and plan to look at your own CV differently on the drive home.

Ambulatory Care Networking Session:
A Pharmacy Professional's Guide to Treating Heart Failure
Speaker: Catherine Zheng, PharmD, BCACP
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM | Masterson

This two-part session will provide an interactive review of guideline-directed medical therapy for heart failure through real-world patient cases. Attendees will explore practical approaches to optimizing treatment and managing patients with heart failure. The session will also offer insight into the development of pharmacy services within a heart failure clinic, highlighting opportunities for pharmacists to expand their role in patient care.

Keynote: The Past, Present, and Future of AI-enabled Therapeutics Development
Gaurav Bhardwaj, PhD
10:20 AM – 11:50 AM | Owens A/B



Artificial intelligence is rapidly transforming how new drugs are discovered, designed, and brought to market. This session provides a clear roadmap of where AI-driven drug development started, how it is being used today, and where it is headed tomorrow. Participants will explore how advanced computational algorithms contrast with traditional, time-consuming laboratory discovery methods. The activity will also address the real-world challenges and data bottlenecks that currently prevent fully automated, end-to-end therapeutic design, while offering a forward-looking perspective on how these technologies will ultimately reshape patient care and the pharmacy profession.

Trimming the Fat: A Review of the 2026 ACC/AHA Multi-Society Cholesterol Guidelines and Update of Therapeutics
Speaker: Matthew Slagle, PharmD, BCACP
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM| Owens A

A lot has changed since the last iteration of the ACC/AHA cholesterol guidelines were released in 2018. Join Matthew Slagle, PharmD, BCACP, for a review of the updated 2026 multi-society cholesterol guidelines, including changes to treatment recommendations, cholesterol goals based on patient-specific risk factors, and the role of key lipid markers in assessing cardiovascular risk. This session will highlight what's new, what's changed, and what pharmacists need to know to apply the latest recommendations in practice. Attendees will also get a brief look at emerging lipid-lowering therapies and what may be on the horizon for cholesterol management.

Health-Systems Networking Session:
Addressing Costs and Impacts in 2027
Speakers: Lloyd Stever, PharmD &
Michael Wong, PharmD, MHA, BCPS
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM| Owens B

Join your peers for a dynamic and collaborative forum designed to help pharmacy professionals navigate the rapidly evolving financial landscape. As the healthcare industry prepares for significant regulatory shifts, this session offers a vital space to analyze upcoming challenges, share strategic insights, and build actionable solutions together.

Community Networking Session: Fill Your Own Cup: Burnout Tools for Pharmacy Professionals When Demand Peaks
Speaker: Julie Hanna, PharmD
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM| Room: Masterson

This continuing education activity provides pharmacists and pharmacy technicians with the vital tools needed to recognize, navigate, and mitigate occupational burnout. Participants will explore the unique factors that drive stress in the community pharmacy setting and learn to identify the early warning signs of physical and emotional exhaustion. The session will review existing employer-provided well-being resources and practical burnout prevention tools. Finally, participants will walk away with brief, evidence-based self-care strategies—such as micro-mindfulness and self-compassion techniques—that can be seamlessly integrated into a demanding workday to reduce overwhelm and protect mental well-being.

On the cUSP of Disaster: Medication Safety and Risk Management Principles for Sterile Compounding
Speakers: Kevin Anderson, PharmD, MHA, MBA &
Sheila Lukito, PharmD, CPPS
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM| Room: Owens A

Sterile compounding continues to be one of the highest safety risk areas in pharmacy. It is important to understand risk management and medication safety principles beyond the requirements of USP 797. Using the recent events reported about a pharmacy compounding error causing permanent harm to 4 patients and putting their hospitals in immediate jeopardy, we will explore the purpose of USP 797, how to use medication safety and risk management methods to review your current processes, and look at the impact of technology on your practice.

Washington Recovery Assistance Program for Pharmacy
Speaker: William Rhodes, MSW, SUDP, SWAIC
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM| Room: Owens B

WRAPP assists pharmacy professionals with Substance Use Disorder and Drug diversion in the workplace. WRAPP assistance most often occurs to support a substance use disorder and assists pharmacy professionals with assessment, treatment, monitoring and compliance. From workplace monitoring and testing to in-home testing, WRAPP uses current technology to promote health and safety for pharmacy professionals in the workplace, since 1983.

Independent Academy Networking Session:
Pharmacy Practice Trends & Updates
Speaker: Jacqueline Eide, PharmD
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM| Room: Masterson

This CE activity is designed to support independent pharmacy owners with discussion and tools to support them. We will discuss opportunities to expand clinical services in community practice, error reporting systems, employee and personal wellbeing, and adopting medical billing software into practice. Participants should bring their experiences and questions to this interactive session.

Pharmacy Residency Tips & Tricks Panel
Speaker: Boris Zhang, PharmD
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM| Room: Masterson | No CE Offered

Interested in pursuing a pharmacy residency? Join this panel discussion for practical tips and insights into the residency application process, interview preparation, and what to expect during residency training. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, hear firsthand experiences, and gain advice to help navigate the next steps in their pharmacy careers.

Saturday, November 14, 2026

Restoring Confidence:
2026-2027 Respiratory Vaccine Evidence & Recommendations
Speakers: Mylinh Nguyen, PharmD &
Kimberly McKeirnan, PharmD, BCACP
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM | Room: Owens A

This session reviews the 2026 – 2027 respiratory virus season immunization recommendations released in early September by the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Family Physicians, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the Infectious Diseases Society of America, along with the independent evidence review by the Vaccine Integrity Project and the American Medical Association that informed them. Participants will walk through what the recommendations say for influenza, COVID-19, and RSV across patient populations. We will go over resources for building vaccine confidence, debunking common myths, and communication strategies to address vaccine questions and concerns.

Closing the Health Equity Gap: Addressing Disparities -
The Pharmacy Professional's Role
Speaker: Anita Sulaiman
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM | Room: Owens B

As frontline healthcare providers, pharmacy professionals play an important role in advancing health equity and improving patient outcomes. This session will explore how social determinants of health impact access to care and highlight opportunities for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to identify barriers, address disparities, and help close gaps in care within their communities.

Student Academy Networking Session: Career Choices Roundtable
Speakers: Heather Kleven, Sr. Liaison Student Director, WSU PharmD Candidate; Olivia White, Jr. Liaison Student Director, WSU PharmD Candidate; Nika Woo, Sr. Liaison Student Director, UW PharmD Candidate; Olivia Lee, Jr. Liaison Student Director, UW PharmD Candidate
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM | Room: Miller | No CE Offered

Join the Student Academy Session to network with your peers and discover the world beyond traditional pharmacy roles. Our student representatives have curated a lineup of guest speakers to shed light on unique pharmacy opportunities. Don't miss out on expanding your horizons and forging new connections!

General Session: Current Issues in Pharmacy Practice
Speakers: Jenny Arnold, PharmD, FWSPA & Tim Lynch, PharmD
9:45 AM – 11:15 AM | Room: Owens A/B

This session serves as an advocacy and membership update annually for the Washington State Pharmacy Association. Member prioritized initiatives are discussed and the leadership of WSPA seeks active feedback from WSPA members on pressing issues for the pharmacy professions. The WSPA President also gives their final address during this important session. Members are encouraged to voice their opinions and hear those of others in this interactive session.

"If It Wasn't Shared, It Didn't Happen":
Pharmacy and Interoperability
Speaker: Jeff Rochon, PharmD, FAPhA, FWSPA
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Room: Owens A/B

Every pharmacy professional knows the rule: if it wasn't documented, it didn't happen. That rule is getting an update. Soon, documenting care won't be enough. It will need to be recorded in a format that connects to, and can be shared with, the rest of the healthcare system. This session explains what that shift means for your practice. You'll learn the basics of interoperability: the standards, connections and data pipelines that let pharmacy systems share information. You'll also see why they matter for patient care and the future of pharmacy.

Novel Therapeutic Advancements in
Treatment Resistant Depression
Speaker: Colby Burns, PharmD, MBA
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Room: Owens A

As conventional antidepressant strategies face ongoing challenges with efficacy and treatment resistance, breakthrough paradigms—particularly the neuroplasticity model and psychedelic-assisted therapies—are redefining clinical approaches to depression management. This activity bridges the gap between traditional psychopharmacology and cutting-edge clinical data. Participants will explore the limitations of the classic serotonin hypothesis, dive deep into the mechanisms of neuroplasticity, and rigorously evaluate the clinical evidence, safety profiles, and operational logistics surrounding emerging interventions for treatment-resistant depression (TRD). Additionally, this program addresses critical real-world barriers, including healthcare policy, formulary positioning, and institutional access.

No Code, No Problem: Using AI to Conquer Excel
Formulas and Macros
Speaker: Stanley Tan, PharmD
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Room: Owens B

Skip the traditional lecture for a hands-on, interactive session focused on live Excel problem-solving with generative AI. Built for occasional Excel users who have dabbled with basic tasks like writing simple one-step formulas, this workshop introduces foundational AI prompting to generate formulas, troubleshoot errors, and build macros in real time.

Pharmacy Technician Networking Session:
Finding Career Fulfillment: Values, Strengths, and Purpose
Speaker: Jenny Bacci, PharmD, MPH, BCACP
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Room: Miller

This interactive session will help pharmacy professionals reflect on what drives them and how they show up in their work. Through activities focused on personal values, flexibility and comfort with change, and professional strengths or "superpowers," participants will build greater self-awareness and explore how these factors shape their professional identity. Participants will leave with actionable next steps to align their values, strengths, and professional development with greater career fulfillment.

Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission: A Year in Review
Speaker: Marlee O'Neill, JD, Executive Director of Washington State PQAC
3:15 PM – 4:15 PM | Room: Owens A/B

Stay updated with pharmacy regulations and get your questions answered. Join an interactive session with the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission staff. This session will cover recent law and rule changes, ongoing rulemaking projects, and the inspection process. Learn how to prioritize patient safety while complying with pharmacy law and effectively engage with the commission.

Poster Presentations

Friday, 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Meet the Authors, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Subcutaneous Ustekinumab Induction in Inflammatory Bowel Disease: A Retrospective Descriptive Cohort Study

Category: Pharmacist

Authors: Erin Wei, PharmD, BCACP; Tracy Yep, PharmD, MS, BCACP; Don Lim, RPh, BCACP; Jeff Kintner, PharmD, BCACP; Sophia Swanson, MD; Steven C. Lin, MD, MPH; Kaiser Permanente Washington (all)

Development of a Pharmacy Revenue Cycle Program for High-Dollar Medication Claims

Category: Pharmacist

Authors: Gregory Stahly, PharmD; Confluence Health Hospital

Reduced Clinical Deteriorations and Healthcare Resource Utilization After Switching from Efgartigimod to Ravulizumab in Patients with Generalized Myasthenia Gravis in the United States

Category: Industry

Authors: Beth Stein[1]; Sonia Caraballo[2]; Michael Blackowicz[3]; Emma Weiskopf[3]; Rebecca Novak[4]; Dongxiao Zhang[4]; Christopher Scheiner[5-1]. St. Joseph's Health Neurology; Clifton, NJ; [2]. Duly Health and Care, Schaumburg, IL; [3]. Alexion, AstraZeneca Rare Disease, Boston, MA; [4]. Veeva Systems, Pleasanton, CA; [5]. University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville, TN

Special Events

Sponsored Sunrise Breakfast Presentations

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KCENTRA® Prothrombin Complex Concentrate (Human) – Urgent Warfarin Reversal with Proven Speed and Trusted Safety For 10+ Years in the US

Friday, November 13th | 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM | Room: Miller | Breakfast Provided | No CE offered

Interact with a leading expert to explore the latest clinical guidelines, clinical case studies, and real-world cost comparisons!

Speaker: Karen Berger, PharmD, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice Nova Southeastern University, College of Pharmacy Davie, FL



Dr. Karen Berger is currently an assistant professor of pharmacy practice at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) with a practice specialty in neurocritical care. She received her doctor of pharmacy from the University of Florida and went on to complete her PGY1 pharmacy residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital and her PGY2 critical care residency at the University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago, where she acted as chief resident. Prior to joining the NSU team, Dr Berger practiced at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Weill Cornell Medical Center as a neurocritical care clinical pharmacy manager. Dr Berger currently serves as the chair-elect for the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacology Section, chair of the Neurocritical Care Society (NCS) Marketing and Communications Committee, and member of the NCS Pharmacy Section Leadership Committee. In 2019, she became a fellow of the American College of Critical Care Medicine, and in 2020 she became a fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. Dr Berger has provided numerous professional presentations at local, regional, and international meetings and authored publications in a variety of pharmacy and interdisciplinary journals.

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Every Breath You Take: Overview of Upper and Lower Respiratory Infection Diagnostics

Saturday, November 14th | 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM | Room: Miller | Breakfast Provided | No CE offered

An overview of diagnostic tools for inpatient and outpatient settings in the context of respiratory tract infections.

Speakers: Carissa Harvest, PhD & Aleks Kolodziej, PharmD, MS, BCPS



Carissa Harvest is a Medical Science Liaison with bioMérieux with a PhD in Microbiology and Immunology and postdoctoral training through the American Society for Microbiology's Committee on Postgraduate Educational Programs (ASM/CPEP) in clinical and public health microbiology at the University of Washington. Leveraging expertise in infectious diseases, molecular diagnostics, diagnostic stewardship, and antimicrobial resistance, she partners with healthcare professionals to advance evidence-based diagnostic practices through scientific exchange.



Aleks Kolodziej is a Medical Science Liaison with bioMérieux. Prior to transitioning into the diagnostics industry, Aleks earned her Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Colorado and completed a PGY1 residency at Exempla Lutheran Medical Center. Aleks went on to practice as a clinical pharmacist for over ten years in inpatient internal medicine and critical care. In her current role, Aleks partners with healthcare providers and laboratories to support diagnostic stewardship and enhance evidence-based practices.

Special Events

Noon Knowledge Break Presentation

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Managing Depression in MDD (Adjunctive) & Bipolar I Patients

Friday, November 13th | 11:50 AM - 1:00 PM | Room: Miller | Lunch Provided | No CE offered

This session gives an overview of major depressive disorder (MDD) and bipolar I depression, including how they affect patients and how much their symptoms overlap. It also includes a clinical overview of VRAYLAR® (cariprazine) as an add-on to antidepressants for MDD in adults, and for depressive episodes associated with bipolar I disorder in adults.



Speaker: Dr. Jeffrey Hansen, MD - Board Certified Psychiatrist

Dr. Jeffrey Hansen, MD, is in private practice at Cascade Center for Wellness and Northwest CD Professionals in Vancouver Washington.

Dr. Hansen earned his medical degree from the University of Minnesota Medical School. He is board certified in Adult Psychiatry and has completed a fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

Dr. Hansen is a member of the American Medical Association, Oregon Psychiatric Society, American Psychiatric Society, and American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. He is the Washington State Chairman of the Physicians Advisory Board of the Congressional Committee on Medical Reform. He is also the author of several reviews of recent textbooks on psychiatry for the American Journal of Psychiatry.

Dinner & Discussion Presentation

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Say Yes to PrEP Innovation: Clinical Review of a Long-Acting HIV Prevention

Friday, November 13th | 6:15 PM - 7:45 PM | Room: Miller | Dinner Provided | No CE offered

The purpose of this program is to review advancements in HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). The content will include an overview of the efficacy and safety results of the PURPOSE 1 and PURPOSE 2 clinical trials, while touching on important aspects of future preventative care, including identifying opportunities to discuss PrEP, current guideline recommendations on HIV prevention, and best practices surrounding administration and dosing.



Speaker: Peter Shalit, MD, PhD, FACP, AAHIVS

Peter Shalit (he/him; Peter) has been in practice since 1990. His training is in Primary Care Internal Medicine: General Healthcare for Adults. Since the start, he has included care for people living with HIV in his scope of practice, while also providing general preventive and screening care, sexual health services including HIV prevention (PrEP), gender affirming care, and diagnosis and treatment of medical conditions that can affect adults. He is a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Washington, and frequently hosts trainees in the health care professions for clinical rotations in the practice. He grew up in New Jersey and Massachusetts and graduated from Cornell University with a BA in Biological Sciences. All of his subsequent training was at the University of Washington including graduate school (PhD in Genetics), medical school, internship and residency. He lives with his husband Bob and two cats. Peter's panel is full and closed to new patients.

2026 Awards of Distinction Soirée

Saturday, November 14th | 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM | Room: Rialto Ballroom



The Washington State Pharmacy Association annually honors the accomplishments of deserving pharmacy professionals. Please help us celebrate your peers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment to the pharmacy profession. We will also be celebrating those pharmacists with 50 years of service.

In addition to celebrating amazing individuals, this event will also include a fundraising Dessert Dash benefiting the WSPA PAC. There will be a variety of beautiful desserts to choose from. The tables that raise the most money, get to "dash" to their favorite dessert first! This is a fun way to support WSPA advocacy efforts as we move into legislative session. We will also have hosted bottles of wine on the tables, coffee service, and a cash bar.

2026 Award Winners



Rod Shafer Distinguished Leadership Award

Kayla Hensley, PharmD



WSPA Outstanding Mentor Award

Lisa Garza, PharmD



Washington State Distinguished Young Pharmacist of the Year Award

(Sponsored by Pharmacist Mutual)

Stanley Tan, PharmD



Washington State Friend of Pharmacy Award

Sen. Vandana Slatter, PharmD, MPA



Washington State Pharmacy Student of the Year Award

Dakota Fletcher



Washington State Pharmacy Outstanding Technician of the Year

Wyatt True



Washington State Pharmacist of the Year Award

Will Quinby, PharmD



Bowl of Hygeia Award

Kirk Heinz, RPh, FWSPA



WSPA Fellow

Kenneth Kenyon, PharmD



WSPA Fellow

Craig A. Pedersen, RPh, PhD, FAPhA, FASHP

Congratulations 50-Year Pharmacists

The following pharmacists are celebrating 50 years of pharmacist licensure in Washington State.

Alan Bell
George Brandt
Barry Brenden
Rebecca Bussell Grenard
Ronald D'Andrea
Richard Devary
Richard Fike
Bradley Gingerich
Gary Hauber
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Richard Larson
Victor Lee
Stephen Long
William Martin
Michael Michel
Nancy Mueller
Dennis Pedersen
Veronica Tielke
Peggy Vanbuskirk

Exhibit Hall & Reception

Friday, November 13th | 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM | Room: Rialto Ballroom

Engage with companies from across the region as they showcase their cutting-edge products and services. Your active participation with our exhibitors is crucial in helping us maintain affordable registration and event costs. But here's the exciting part – your first drink is on us! Every attendee has a complimentary drink ticket in their name badge holder.

While you explore the exhibit hall, don't forget to collect 20 signatures on your exhibitor checklist,and bring your sheet to the WSPA booth to get raffle tickets for a prize drawing. Remember, you must be present to win. The drawing will be at 6:15 PM. It's a fantastic chance to connect, discover innovations, and possibly walk away with some exciting prizes!

Thank You to Our Exhibitors

AbbVie's mission is to discover and deliver innovative medicines and solutions that address complex health issues and enhance people's lives. We are dedicated to delivering science that brings us closer to making a significant impact for people living with neurological and psychiatric disorders.

At Accord BioPharma, we thin about our patients' lives and perspectives, not just medicine and disease. Of doctors and clinicians as trusted partners, not as transactions. About delivering quality therapies that are affordable and accessible. About what comes before and after treatment, not just the drug.
We think beyond biology.

American Regent, Inc., a Daiichi Sankyo Group company, is a top-10, US-based injectable drug manufacturer. For over 50 years, American Regent has been developing, manufacturing, and supplying quality generic and branded injectables for healthcare providers and for more than 20 years, we have been a leader in IV iron therapy.

argenx is a global immunology company committed to improving the lives of people living with severe autoimmune diseases, such as generalized myasthenia gravis (gMG). Visit us at www.argenx.com.

Arrowhead therapies trigger the RNA interference mechanism to induce rapid, deep and durable suppression of target genes. We are pioneering the use of RNAi to treat disease pathways previously thought to be "undruggable," advancing important medicines across a broad range of disease areas including cardiometabolic, pulmonary, and liver diseases.

AstraZeneca's mission is to unlock the power of what science can do to deliver life-changing medicines that create enduring value for patients, society, the planet, and its shareholders. As a science-led biopharmaceutical company, it focuses on the discovery, development, and commercialization of medicines to help patients with chronic diseases, redefine cancer care, and pioneer treatments for rare diseases.

Bayer is a leader in cardiovascular and kidney disease, that delivers science for a better life.

Over the past four decades, Biogen has been committed to translating science to meaningful advances for the MS community. Our industry-leading portfolio — backed by established safety and efficacy profiles, ongoing investment in our products, as well as our comprehensive services and solutions — enables us to offer a broad range of options to meet the ever-evolving needs of MS patients and drive greater individualized disease management.

A world leader in the field of in vitro diagnostics, bioMérieux provides diagnostic solutions (systems, reagents, software) that determine the source of disease to improve patient health. Our products are used for diagnosing infectious diseases. Fast and actionable diagnostics are essential in fighting significant issues like antibiotic resistance and sepsis.

Boehringer Ingelheim is a biopharmaceutical company active in both human and animal health. As one of the industry's top investors in research and development, the company focuses on developing innovative therapies that can improve and extend lives in areas of high unmet medical need. Independent since its foundation in 1885, Boehringer takes a long-term perspective, embedding sustainability along the entire value chain. Approximately 54,500 employees serve over 130 markets to build a healthier and more sustainable tomorrow. Learn more at Boehringer Ingelheim U.S. - Life Forward.

Braeburn is dedicated to delivering solutions for people living with the serious consequences of opioid use disorder. At Braeburn, we challenge the status quo and champion transformation of the management of opioid use disorder (OUD) by partnering with the community to create a world where every person with OUD gets the best possible care and opportunity to reach their full potential.

Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS) is a global biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering, developing, and delivering innovative medicines for patients with serious diseases, with leading expertise in oncology, hematology, cardiovascular disease, immunology, and neuroscience.

Calmoseptine Ointment is a multi-purpose moisture barrier that temporarily relieves discomfort and itching.

Cardinal Health distributes pharmaceuticals and specialty products; supplies home health and patient services; operates nuclear pharmacies and manufacturing sites; provides performance and data solutions; and manufactures medical and lab products globally. Our customer-focused approach drives continuous improvement and innovation, delivering solutions that enhance health and improve lives every day.

CPS Solutions is a healthcare services and technology company focused exclusively on hospital and health-system pharmacy. For more than 50 years, CPS has helped healthcare organizations improve pharmacy operations, regulatory compliance, financial performance, workforce effectiveness, and patient care through pharmacy management services, consulting, telepharmacy, supply chain support, 340B expertise, and Optimizer®, a pharmacy intelligence platform that helps identify clinical, operational, compliance, and financial improvement opportunities.

CSL Behring is a global biotechnology company that develops and delivers life-saving biotherapies for rare and serious medical conditions.

Dexcom empowers people with diabetes through continuous glucose monitoring technology that delivers actionable glucose insights, customizable alerts, and remote data sharing. By improving visibility into glucose trends, Dexcom helps patients and providers make more informed therapy decisions.

FFF Enterprises is a specialty drug distributor dedicated to improving and safeguarding the pharmaceutical supply chain through Guaranteed Channel Integrity, our commitment to purchasing products directly from manufacturers and shipping them only to licensed healthcare professionals. Everything we do affirms our dedication to Helping Healthcare Care.

First Citizens Bank is one of the nation's largest and strongest financial institutions, with more than 125 years of experience helping businesses, entrepreneurs, and individuals achieve their financial goals. Founded in 1898, First Citizens has grown into a Top 20 U.S. bank with approximately $236 billion in assets, $171 billion in deposits, and a nationwide presence built on long-term relationships, financial strength, and personalized service.

Fresenius Kabi is a global healthcare company that specializes in lifesaving medicines and technologies for infusion, transfusion, and clinical nutrition. We are a leading provider of generic medications with 100-year history of delivering innovate therapies that are safe, efficient, and affordable.

Helping to End the HIV Epidemic Worldwide

Gilead's HIV portfolio focuses on advancing innovative treatment and prevention options that help improve outcomes for people living with or at risk for HIV. Through continued research, education, and partnership with healthcare provider, Gilead is working toward a future with HIV is preventable and manageable for all patients.

GSK unites science, technology and talent to get ahead of disease together. We prevent and treat disease with vaccines, specialty and general medicines.

The Healthcare Distribution Alliance (HDA) represents primary pharmaceutical distributors — the vital link between the nation's pharmaceutical manufacturers and 450,000 pharmacies, hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics and others nationwide. Since 1876, HDA has helped members navigate regulations and innovations to get the right medicines to the right patients at the right time, safely and efficiently.

We bring together healthcare workers, labor partners, employers, educators, community organizations, and public agencies to strengthen the healthcare workforce through innovation, member benefit administration, partnership, and work-based learning.

IPC is a member-owned and operated cooperative, focused on helping independent pharmacies like yours navigate today's challenges and capitalize on new opportunities, giving you the "Freedom to Pharm" and focus on what you do best: serving your community.

Built by pharmacists for pharmacists, Liberty Software helps pharmacies boost productivity, improve patient safety, and increase profitability. Trusted by thousands of successful pharmacies, our platform streamlines operations and enhances patient care, proving that when pharmacists help pharmacists, incredible things happen. Stop by our booth to learn more and see the difference for yourself.

Long Grove Pharmaceuticals manufactures complex generic pharmaceuticals, delivering differentiated products that address critical gaps in care. Its portfolio includes reliable, ready-to-use premix formulations and sterile injectable products. Backed by industry expertise and a proprietary, resilient supply chain, Long Grove provides consistent solutions that healthcare providers and patients can depend on.

Madrigal Pharmaceuticals is a biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering and developing novel treatments for metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis (MASH), a severe and progressive liver disease.

McKesson is a diversified healthcare services leader that touches virtually every aspect of health. We strive to fulfill our purpose of Advancing Health Outcomes For All® by making quality care more accessible and affordable. Guided by our values, McKesson is an impact-driven organization that improves care in every setting – one product, one partner, one patient at a time.

For over 130 years, Merck, known as MSD outside of the United States and Canada, has been inventing for life, bringing forward medicines and vaccines for many of the world's most challenging diseases in pursuit of our mission to save and improve lives. We demonstrate our commitment to patients and population health by increasing access to health care through far-reaching policies, programs and partnerships.

At Merck, known as MSD outside of the United States and Canada, we are unified around our purpose: We use the power of leading-edge science to save and improve lives around the world. For more than a century, we've been at the forefront of research, bringing forward medicines, vaccines and innovative health solutions for the world's most challenging diseases.

Neurelis is an innovation-driven neuroscience company providing a differentiated approach to target unmet medical needs in epilepsy and other neurological disorders. Our exceptional team and tireless efforts have enabled us to become market-leaders focused on the goal of enhancing patient care and outcomes. For information, please visit http://www.neurelis.com.

Novo Nordisk is a leading global healthcare company that has been making innovative medicines to help people with diabetes lead longer, healthier lives for more than 100 years. This heritage has given us experience and capabilities that also enable us to drive change to help people defeat other serious chronic diseases such as obesity and rare blood and endocrine disorders. We remain steadfast in our conviction that the formula for lasting success is to stay focused, think long-term, and do business in a financially, socially, and environmentally responsible way.

The Office of the Insurance Commissioner protects consumers, the public interest and our state's economy through fair and efficient regulation of the insurance industry. Since Jan. 1, we've recovered over $45.5 million from insurers for Washington consumers. Patty Kuderer was elected in 2024 as Washington's ninth insurance commissioner. Visit: insurance.wa.gov.

Our purpose ensures that patients remain at the center of all we do. We live our purpose by sourcing the best science in the world; partnering with others in the healthcare system to improve access to our medicines; using digital technologies to enhance our drug discovery and development, as well as patient outcomes; and leading the conversation to advocate for pro-innovation/pro-patient policies.

Every decision we make and every action we take is done with the patient in mind—and to nurture an environment where breakthroughs can thrive.

We are a family-owned company innovating in iron metabolism, blood disorders, and cell cycle biology. With 700+ employees globally, we prioritize quality, collaboration, and patient care to drive life-changing treatments.

PMC Advantage Insurance Services (PMCA) works with trusted insurance companies, including Pharmacists Mutual, to provide comprehensive business insurance solutions for pharmacists nationwide. Our partnerships with industry-leading insurance carriers allow us to tailor an insurance package to the specialized needs of our customers, from individual pharmacists to multi-location pharmacy owners.

SafarCircle is a healthcare communication platform designed to help pharmacists communicate face-to-face with patients with limited English proficiency. Our technology enables real-time, two-way communication across languages while supporting medication instructions and patient education. SafarCircle helps pharmacies improve patient understanding, communication, and access to care across language barriers.

Comprised of more than 45 non-profit organizations, The Partnership for Safe Medicines (PSM) is a public health group committed to the safety of prescription drugs and protecting consumers against counterfeit, substandard or otherwise unsafe medicines.

Saladax Biomedical provides psychiatrists and oncologists with essential information for timely treatment decisions. By measuring a patient's blood levels, healthcare professionals can ensure the correct drug dosage for each individual. This personalized approach accounts for variations in drug metabolism among patients, potentially improving outcomes, reducing toxicity risk, and shortening hospital stays. Additionally, Saladax collaborates with leading pharmaceutical companies to develop tests for clinical trials and companion diagnostics.

We Chase the Miracles of Science to Improve People's Lives

SERB Pharmaceuticals is a dedicated ally to healthcare providers treating patients with critical conditions, focusing on emergency care and rare diseases. For over 30 years we have made treating these complex and life-threatening conditions possible, supporting clinicians, healthcare systems and governments while offering hope to patients and their families.

STAQ Pharma is a hospital-owned 503B outsourcing facility. Operating from two FDA-registered facilities, STAQ upholds the highest standards of safety, transparency, availability, and quality. Its portfolio includes sterile medications such as IV bags and syringes.

Takeda is focused on creating better health for people and a brighter future for the world. We aim to discover and deliver life-transforming treatments in our core therapeutic and business areas, including gastrointestinal and inflammation, rare diseases, plasma-derived therapies, oncology, neuroscience and vaccines. www.takeda.com

The University of Washington's School of Pharmacy is a nationally top-ranked institution dedicated to advancing pharmaceutical education, research, and patient care. We train future leaders in pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences through innovative programs, interdisciplinary collaboration, and cutting-edge discoveries that improve health outcomes locally and globally.

The Washington Center for Bleeding Disorders (WACBD.org) is a state-recognized Center of Excellence offering comprehensive care, specialized pharmacy, and research across Washington. Our team provides individualized care for hemophilia, von Willebrand disease, and rare bleeding disorders, including genetic testing, counseling, and personalized treatment plans.

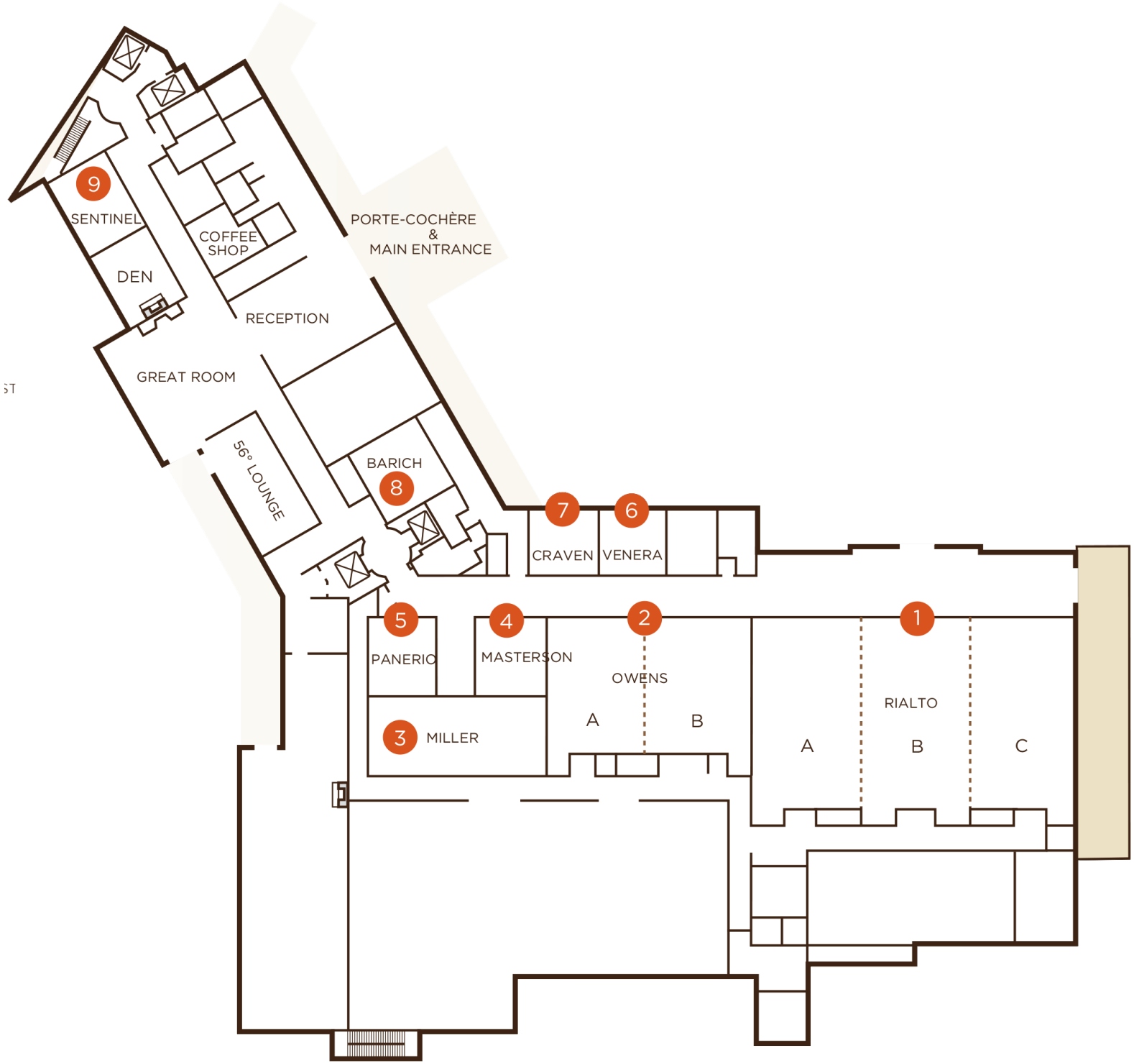
Power of Providers (POP) partners with health care professionals to understand and overcome health care barriers and engage, educate, and empower the people of Washington.

To prevent opioid misuse and encourage safe storage of medication, the WA Health Care Authority's Pharmacy Safe Storage Program partners with pharmacies across Washington to provide free medication locking devices to those who receive an opioid prescription, and equips pharmacies to create positive behavior change in their communities.

WG Critical Care, LLC is a fully integrated injectable pharmaceutical company headquartered in Paramus, New Jersey. Our focus is to provide the hospital and specialty markets with a reliable supply of critical care products.

The WSPA exists to advocate on behalf of its members to ensure pharmacy professionals are recognized, engaged and valued as essential to the healthcare team. The vision of the Washington State Pharmacy Association is to ensure everyone understands and recognizes the importance of the profession of pharmacy.

We are the WSU Pharmacy Alumni Community representing the WSU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Stop by to say hello and enter to win a gift basket with Cougar Gold Cheese and Cougar Crest Estate Wine!


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