

# ***THE VALLEY CLINIC WELCOMES***

**1ST YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT ....**  
***ANALIESSE ISHERWOOD***

**UW Medicine**  
**SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**

***TRUST***

***(Targeted Rural/  
Underserved  
Track)***

My name is Analiese Isherwood and I am from Moses Lake and a graduate of Western Washington University. I was honored to be named the 2011 Presidential Scholar for the WWU College of Sciences and Technology and gave the commencement speech at my graduation. In the Behavioral Neuroscience Program, I was privileged to work with Professor Janet Finlay in her research funded by the National Institutes of Health, exploring the link between brain structure and some of the symptoms of schizophrenia. I will publish my work by the end of 2011 and will be able to present the findings at the Society of Neuroscience conference in 2012.

While I have kept myself very busy academically, it was my experience working with medical volunteers in Haiti that inspired me to become a physician in underserved areas. I first traveled to Haiti a few weeks prior to the devastating 2010 earthquake, which killed many of my friends there. Since the earthquake, I have returned three times, each time taking on more responsibility until I was named clinic manager during my last trip. In addition to my work within Haiti, I have taken my experiences into middle and high school classrooms in Moses Lake. I work to make the students aware of the lives led in third world nations, and give the students opportunities to get involved in relief work. This last year, middle school students collected enough pocket change to pay the annual school fees for eight Haitian children, which I had the opportunity to travel back to Haiti to deliver in addition to a small library for a rural primary school. In August of 2011, I begin my studies at the University of Washington School of Medicine's first year site at WSU-Spokane. I am pleased to have been accepted into the Targeted Rural/Underserved Track and look forward to the time I will be able to spend in Ellensburg throughout my four years of medical school.

In my free time I enjoy playing both jazz and classical piano and flute, and enjoy out-door activities like rock climbing, skiing, and soccer. Of all activities, though, my favorite moments are those spent with my family, including a precious 5-year old nephew (and another nephew on the way!) and my dog, in Moses Lake.

The goal of Washington TRUST is to allow for a focused medical school experience in underserved care, with the eventual goal of returning physicians to practice in the underserved areas of Washington.

Washington TRUST scholars will have multiple opportunities to experience first hand the joys and satisfaction of practicing medicine in an underserved community.

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