University of Washington School of Medicine



Targeted Rural / Underserved Track (TRUST) Program Seattle 1st Year Campus

Introducing E 2010 TRUST Scholar: Kelly Fong



My name is Kelly Fong and I was born and raised in Seattle. My family is ethnically Chinese and consists of my parents and two younger siblings. I attended Ingraham High School and graduated in 2006. Afterwards I began my undergraduate studies at the University of Washington and received degrees in Sociology and Microbiology. After I graduated I went on a trip to Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan for a month.

During my undergraduate studies I worked with a program named Jumpstart that places undergraduates in Head Start preschools to work with at-risk preschool children. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching and making a difference in the lives of the children and had thoughts of entering the teaching field. This experience opened my eyes to the parallel problems between unequal access to health care as well as education. As I began to explore the field of medicine I realized that I could weave together my passion for teaching as well as a passion for science. I hope to continue working with the underserved population of Washington.

In my spare time I enjoy cooking, doing puzzles, and reading. I'm particularly fond of baking goodies and there's always some to share!

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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