Dr. Scott Dunn of Sandpoint, Idaho and Dr. Mark Larson of Ellensburg, Washington both received physician awards from their home states.

Dr. Mark Larson was honored (along with two other Washington physicians) with the Dr. John Anderson Memorial Award for Outstanding Rural Health Practitioner. Dr. Larson has been with KVH FM-Ellensburg since 1997 and a WRITE Preceptor since 2000. In addition to his commitment to the training of healthcare physicians over the years, he has been an outstanding community advocate, in particular in acquiring a grant in 1999 to open the Ellensburg Free Clinic in Kittitas County. The award committee had this to say about Dr. Larson: Dr. Larson is the quintessential Rural Physician with a breadth of knowledge, experience, and commitment. He maintains and exudes profound integrity, continued curiosity and a sense of caring for others above self. He is passionate, caring, balanced, creative, supportive, committed and infused with the inherent qualities of a stellar rural physician.

2015 Idaho Family Physician of the Year, awarded by the Idaho Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP), Dr. Scott Dunn has served the Sandpoint, community for over 24 years and as a WRITE preceptor for the last 8 years. In addition, he precepts RUOP students and works with residents. He has served and continues to serve in leadership roles in the medical community, including at the local Bonner Partners in Care Clinic for the area’s uninsured; serving as past chair of the Idaho Medical Home Collaborative (IMHC) initiative; and currently serving as a member of the Idaho Healthcare Coalition. An active member of the IAFP, it was noted in its spring newsletter that Dr. Dunn’s “service to his patients, community, the medical community of Idaho and the State of Idaho through his work with the PCMH has had significant impact and will continue to impact the health of the citizens of Idaho.”
I loved being part of the WRITE program. I was asked about it a lot on my residency interviews. I was asked what the program was, and what I gained from it, etc. What I usually told them was some version of: “The WRITE program came with a lot of continuity. The continuity I had with the patients gave me a better idea of how the whole medical system works and a complete picture of disease processes and the entire arcs of illnesses. It also meant that I gained a sense of ownership of my patients - and of responsibility for their care and well-being (this is hard to find on shorter rotations, particularly outpatient ones).”

The continuity I had with my attendings meant that, since the docs knew me, they had a good understanding of my skills—they knew what I knew and didn’t know and what procedures I was comfortable with or needed more practice on...

In addition to that, I think that it made my 3rd year a little more sane. On a personal level, it was really nice to be part of a community and live in one place for 5 months. In my opinion, the WRITE sites are some of the best places to live in the whole WWAMI region.

McCall is also a great example of rural medicine. At UW we have a lot of people who start out medical school interested in rural medicine and broad spectrum practice, but honestly, it is hard to maintain that if all of your mentors are subspecialists in white towers. I think the WRITE program does a lot to mitigate that.

I absolutely loved living in Idaho. In fact, for my vacation after graduation, I spent a week there (up on the Lochsa) before driving out east. I am definitely considering coming back!

Dr. Embick is in a general surgery residency in Grand Rapids, Michigan—photo is of her with her primary preceptor, Dr. David Hall.
2015 Match Data

In 2015, 20 WRITE students matched:

- 8: FM
- 4: IM
- 1: IM Primary
- 1: IM Peds
- 1: OB/GYN
- 2: General Surgery

Historically, a total of 146 WRITE students have matched:

- 101 matched in primary care (69%)
- 65 students matched in FM (46%)
- 22 matched in IM (15%)
- 14 matched in Peds (10%)

16 former WRITE students now (or soon to be) practicing at WRITE sites:

- Jana Peters, WRITE site Libby – now in Libby, MT
- Sandra McIntyre, WRITE site Colfax – now in Dillon, MT
- Laura Goodell, WRITE site Hailey – now in Dillon, MT
- KayCee Gardner, WRITE site Lewistown - soon to be in Miles City, MT
- Lindsay Carlson, WRITE site Lewistown – now in Livingston, MT
- Kelly Walker, WRITE site Lewistown – now in Livingston, MT
- Christina Marchion, WRITE site Lewistown – now in Lewistown, MT
- Courtney Fuller, WRITE site Colfax – now in Sandpoint, ID
- Amelia Huntsberger, WRITE site Sandpoint – now in Sandpoint, ID
- Mo Ferguson (Fitzmaurice), WRITE site McCall - returning to McCall, ID to practice
- Heidi Baines (Lowry), WRITE site Soldatna - now the medical director at KANA in Kodiak, AK
- Ty Vincent, WRITE site Wasilla - now in Wasilla, AK
- Hollie Matthews, WRITE site Colfax – now in Moses Lake, WA
- Nigel Campbell, WRITE site Libby – now in Pullman, WA
- Justin Hopkin, WRITE site Libby - now in Lander, WY
- Val Lengfelder (Cordero), WRITE site Thermopolis - now in Powell, WY

2015 WRITE Student Community Projects

Butte: Spencer Audie: Teaching First Aid to High School Students in Butte
Chelan: Scott Hippe: Rx Disposal Program
Dillon: Louis Bartoletti: Careers in Medicine at Beaverhead & Sheridan High Schools
Douglas: Stefani Bissonette: Antimicrobial Stewardship
Ellensburg: Kat Grette: Mental Health Competency Program for Professionals
Ferndale: Amanda Jacobsen: Increasing Awareness of Preventive Care of Adult Women
Grand Coulee: Jon Patberg: School Linked Clinic
Hailey: Mackenzie Reminger-Carpenter: Memory Stimulation in Patients with Dementia
Jerome: Teah Caine: Lecheria Sana Promotion of Appropriate Health Access and Education on the Value of Accessing Care Sooner to Immigrant Dairy Farm Workers
Lander: Martina Tam: Medical School & Mentorship Proposal at Wyoming Indian Middle School
Libby: Pete Edminster: By Teens for Teens: Youth Education and Empowerment Against Rural Prescription Drug Abuse
Lynden/Birch Bay: Megan Penna: Adolescent Medicine STDs/Birth Control & Drugs and Alcohol Open Discussion
Miles City: Makayla Tisdell: Self Advocacy and Shared Decision Making as Tools to Bridge the Divide Between Medical and Mental Health Care
Moses Lake: Kameron Firouzi: Community First Steps - Importance of Reading
Nampa: Zoe Cross: Use of Bilingual Resource Sheets to Increase Awareness of Pediatric Obesity Interventions in Canyon County, Idaho
Port Angeles: Brooke Hallett: ADHD Teacher Training
Port Angeles: Louis Paolella: Measles Vaccination
Port Townsend: Alex SnowMassara: Addressing Food Insecurity in School Age Children in Rural Jefferson County, WA
Powell: Jessica Eckstrom: Increasing Colon Cancer Screening in Powell, WY
Pullman: Sara Hatlen: Pullman Pavement Pounders
Sandpoint: Christina Tolley: Diabetes Screening Event
Shelton: Adrian Perez: Mountain View Elementary Tar Wars Presentation
Wasilla: Michelle Ju: Presenting at AASG meeting: PreMed 101 and Healthcare Careers
Did you know?

All TRUST Students are WRITE Students, but not all WRITE Students are TRUST Students.

With admission through a targeted separate admissions process, from their first year TRUST students are linked to underserved communities (WRITE sites) and with existing UW courses and programs such as the Underserved Pathway and RUOP. This promotes and supports students’ interests in rural or underserved health workforce training. Students not accepted as TRUST students have the option to apply to the WRITE program to participate as WRITE students during their third year of medical school.

WRITE Students Elected into the Gold Humanism Honor Society

The Gold Humanism Honor Society recognizes those who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to excellence, integrity, empathy, respect, and service. The 2015 Induction Ceremony of the UW Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society recognized (among others) the following WRITE students (listed here with their WRITE sites noted):

- Teah Caine, Jerome, ID
- Zoe Cross, Nampa, ID
- Jessica Eckstrom, Powell, WY
- Martina Tam, Lander, WY
- Scott Hippe, Chelan, WA
- Amanda Jacobsen, Ferndale, WA
- Jonathan Patberg, Grand Coulee, WA

Upcoming Dates:

WRITE 2015-2016
Montana WRITE session starts
September 28, 2015 and ends
Feb. 12th (18-WK sites) and
ends March 11th (22-WK
sites).

Non-Montana WRITE session
starts January 4, 2016 and
ends May 6 (18-WK sites) and
ends June 3rd (22-WK sites).

WRITE 2016-2017: Session dates still being determined.

2015-2016 Session: WRITE Preceptor November Meetings:
Plan to join us in Seattle for WRITE and TRUST events, Thursday and Friday, November 19 – 20, 2015:
- Thursday: TRUST Continuity Community Collaborative, 2 pm
  UW South Campus Center, #303, followed by WRITE Preceptor and Student Dinner, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Foege Vista Cafe
- Friday: WRITE Preceptor Orientation, *meet at 7:30 am for continental breakfast, followed by 8 am - 2:30 pm meeting (*times are tentative) at the Husky Union Building, Room 250, UW Campus.

All WRITE and WRITE/TRUST sites are invited to send representatives to the TRUST Continuity Collaborative and to the WRITE Preceptor orientation. For more information and details about how to arrange travel, contact your state regional program administrator or mtassist@uw.edu