

# GALEN MILLS

## Targeted Rural Underserved Track

WWAMI  
**TRUST**  
UW MEDICINE

Powell, Wyoming

Entering Class of 2014

*TRUST seeks to provide a continuous connection between rural, small city underserved communities, medical education, and health professionals in our region. Our goal is to create a full-circle pipeline by guiding qualified students through a special curriculum that connects continuity communities in WWAMI to the University of Washington School of Medicine and its network of affiliated residency programs in an effort to help meet the workforce needs of the region.*

Hello Powell,

I am excited, as well as honored, in having the opportunity to have my hometown play such an instrumental role in my medical education. I am looking forward to being able to forge new relationships and learn new perspectives in the town where I grew up.

Like many who grow up in Wyoming, I have a strong background in agriculture. I grew up on a small farm outside of Powell and both sides of my family are in agriculture. Growing up in rural Wyoming showed me firsthand the health care challenges that underserved areas have. Having to drive 90 miles to visit a specialist or receive a minor surgery prevents many people from receiving the care they need and deserve. I would like to see this change.

My quest to aid in this healthcare disparity took me to Carroll College in Helena, MT where I studied Biology and Chemistry and played football for the Fighting Saints. My junior year I was given the opportunity to go to Guatemala and work in an orphanage during Spring break. I was so impacted by my time there that I decided to defer my WWAMI acceptance in 2013 and moved to Guatemala and Honduras for 8 months with my beautiful new wife, Kelsey.

After only being back from Guatemala for a short time, my desire to work with the underserved has only been revitalized. I pray that during my time in Powell I will not only learn about providing medicine in an underserved area, but that I can also be a blessing to the community that I call home.

Thank you for allowing me your trust and for giving me this opportunity to serve you. Can't wait to get started!

Galen



*Galen working in a clinic in the mountains of Honduras*

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