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Targeted Rural UnderServed Track

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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.



To the fine folks of Dillon:

Greetings, I am so pleased to have the privilege of working in your community this summer and throughout the next 4 years! I am committed to primary care, and after my training would love to lay down roots in a small Montana town like Dillon, so I thank you for the chance to study rural medicine here in the beautiful Beaverhead Valley.

My journey towards medicine has been long and winding. As a kid I aspired to be an artist, and my first real job was working as a duct tape spokesperson (geeky, but true), where I traveled around the country teaching duct tape crafts. I loved working with people, being creative, writing, and teaching, so I went on to study English in college.

While studying abroad I realized that I valued hiking around the English countryside even more than literature, so after earning a BA I moved to Gardiner, MT and began working for the Forest Service.

I worked on the Gallatin National Forest for 6 years, fighting fire, performing wilderness and wildlife research, and doing lots of manual labor on the trail crew! I gained physical stamina and a strong mental reserve from the work, but started to feel I was missing something. After going back to school and shadowing various health care providers, I realized the role of the rural physician was my dream job. Whether backpacking in the Absarokas or visiting family in Philipsburg, I feel at home in Montana, so I am humbled and eager to begin my journey here in Dillon. I look forward to meeting and working with you, and please don't hesitate to say hello when you see me at the clinic, on the river, or in the mountains!

hiking to the Ptarmigan Tunnel in Glacier NP



Sincerely,
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