

# JUSTIN GASPAR

## Targeted Rural Underserved Track

WWAMI  
**TRUST**  
UW MEDICINE

Western Washington

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.*

Howdy, Lynden/Birch Bay! My name is Justin and I look forward to becoming involved in your community as a medical student! I grew up outside of Ellensburg, a ranching and hay town in the center of Washington state. I am the oldest of 5 children. After graduating high school, I packed my bags and headed to Waco, TX, to attend Baylor University where I studied Great Texts of the Western Tradition. Volunteering in the Waco community opened my eyes to the burden chronic illness poses for individuals and families, especially when it goes untreated. This, combined with the ethical perspective I have gained from my academic focus on ethics and philosophy, made me realize that medicine was an incredible calling. I found that I truly loved medicine after working as an ER scribe at one of Waco's busiest hospitals.

After graduating college, I worked as a reading tutor with AmeriCorps in rural Granite Falls, WA. In 2012, I completed my prerequisite classes at UW in Seattle. This year I returned home to Ellensburg providing nutrition information and food to disabled persons in our county. I am very excited to be learning in such a beautiful area of the state and look forward to meeting you!



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