

HANA PALADICHUK

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. The goal, 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—ultimately helping to meet the workforce needs of the region.

Greetings Helena!

My name is Hana Paladichuk, and I am a first year student in the Montana WWAMI program at the University of Washington. I have the privilege of spending two weeks in your fabulous community this summer with Dr. William Snider at the Cooperative Health Clinic as a part of the TRUST program. I could not be more excited to learn from Dr. Snider's practice and to get to know the residents of Montana's capital.

I was born and raised over in Bakken oil country in the great little town of Sidney. I started working in the hospital when I was 13 years old as an assistant to the nurses aides in the Alzheimer's unit and when I was 15 I received my CNA license. I have worked in the same Alzheimer's unit for almost ten years, and it was here that my passion for medicine and healthcare surfaced. I graduated as valedictorian of my class of 2010 and went on to study pre-med and Hispanic/Latino studies at Montana State University, Bozeman.

In college I worked as a home health and hospice CNA at Home Instead Senior Care in Bozeman, and continued to work as a CNA in the Alzheimer's unit when I went home for summers and over breaks. In addition to the pre-medical coursework, I spent four years studying the Spanish language and Latino culture because I believe that even in Montana our health care providers need to be able to communicate effectively with an ever-increasing Hispanic population. I believe that ineffective communication results in less than the best treatment for a patient, which I find unacceptable.

When I was accepted to the University of Washington School of Medicine and the TRUST program, I achieved the goal I set for myself when I was 13. I have known since the day I started working with Alzheimer's patients that I would be a doctor and most likely, a geriatrician. I fell in love with the residents, but was never satisfied because I wanted to do more for them than is allowed as a nurse's aid. I know that I will never be satisfied until I can say that I am able to do everything possible to make their lives a little bit better. I cannot begin express my excitement as I start my medical school education this summer in Helena with Dr. Snider. Born and raised a Montana girl, this is where I shall stay! See you all soon! Hana



Hana with her mom Janet and her brother Brady



Hana with her boyfriend Mitch who will be starting medical school at UA in Phoenix.



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