

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF MEDICINE TRUST Program *Targeted Rural Underserved Track* Miles City MT ~ Summer 2011

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Greetings Miles City! I am looking forward to coming to Miles City in July as a medical student MT WWAMI'S TRUST program.

I was fortunate to grow up on a ranch located in north-central Montana. Among other experiences, my three younger siblings and I raised 4-H livestock and played class "C" sports. I graduated from Rocky Mountain College in Billings with a bachelor's degree in Biology along with minors in Philosophy and Chemistry.

Many opportunities have ignited my desire to become a physician. Shadowing one of my hometown physicians significantly shaped my perspective on medicine, specifically rural medicine. I quickly learned about the demands on a rural physician when called into the hospital one stormy December night. On the other hand, during routine office visits, I saw that the continuity of care led to many life long relationships for the physician and with that a sense of personal satisfaction.

I took part in a community health research program funded by the IMBRE Health Research Grant, which encompassed the study of antibiotic resistance factors collected from water sources on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation. Being a part of this team ultimately offered a great sense of fulfillment. I learned about the core values of health research while aiding in the infrastructure development to reduce the common health disparities found in many Native American communities.

Finally, working as an Emergency Room technician and a nurse tech at two different health care facilities in Montana has been an enlightening and intriguing journey of its own. Not only have I received "hands-on" patient care experience, but I have also had the opportunity to meet amazing people from all facets of the healthcare community who have shown me the excitement of learning about the technical aspect of medicine and the human side medicine.

When I am able to catch some downtime, I love to stay active by going to spinning classes, hiking, or playing basketball. I also cannot pass up a good book! Finally, I do enjoy spending time with my family whether it is catching my sister's basketball game or track meet, or just spending a day at home together.

Looking forward to my time in Miles City!

Sincerely, *Kacy Herron*

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