KAYLA MCMAHON

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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 Helena! My name is Kayla McMahon, and I am about to enter my second year of medical school at the University of Washington. As I leave Bozeman and venture to Seattle to continue my education in the WWAMI program, I am fortunate enough to also spend some time at the Cooperative Health Center and St. Pete's for the next three years.

As a Helena native, I feel a little silly introducing myself to my hometown. I am proud to say that Helena always has, and always will have, my heart. I started my educational journey at Four Georgians long ago, and graduated from Carroll College in 2013 as a Bachelor in Biology.

Growing up in Helena contributed to my stereotypical, small town "always help out your neighbor" outlook on life. Throughout my Capital High School career, I shadowed several local physicians and worked as a CNA, both of which intensified my passion for medicine and community involvement.

Transitioning from a Bruin to a Saint brought with it a greater desire to experience the various aspects of healthcare in our beautiful valley. Volunteering at Florence Crittenton Home and Rocky Mountain Hospice not only positively influenced my future career, but also added to my personal character. I learned the importance and value behind improving other's quality of life, and gained an even deeper compassion for those around me.

Post undergrad, I immediately began the journey to fulfill my lifelong dream of becoming a doctor. In itself, the WWAMI/TRUST program has granted more wishes than I ever thought possible. Words alone cannot express how grateful I am to have the opportunity to spend time in my hometown and give back to the place that raised me; I am truly honored to serve you and the Helena community as I continue to pursue my dream and medical journey. Kayla









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