

KEGAN CUNNIFF

Targeted Rural UnderServed Track

WWAMI
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UW MEDICINE

Montana

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.

Hey there Lewistown!

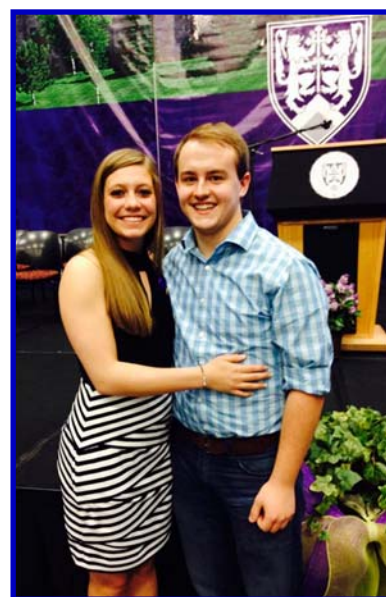
I cannot wait to start my medical education with you all this summer. I'm very thrilled to begin learning medicine and am even more thrilled to get to do it in my home state.

I was born and raised in Choteau, Montana, a small town just off of the Rocky Mountain Front. I grew up as your typical small town boy, spending plenty of time romping around the countryside and working for my family's agricultural business. I am fourth generation beekeeper and have been working the bees for almost a decade now. In my years as a beekeeper I've been swarmed by Africanized bees, stung thousands of times, started my own business, been covered in sticky honey from head to toe, have had a few run-ins with hungry "Pooh Bears", and lots of other wild experiences. Just ask me about them! I love to share stories about the family business.

In 2010, I left home to attend college at Carroll College in Helena, Montana where I just graduated with a major in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. While at Carroll, I spent my weekends traveling back home to work the bees and my weekdays studying and working at Shodair Children's Hospital as a Mental Health Technician. I also spent a lot of time during my winter holidays and summer breaks traveling to impoverished communities in Guatemala and Ecuador, providing relief work and volunteer services to the wonderful people that live there. I hope to one day start traveling to these communities as a physician to provide medical services that they desperately need.

I am beyond excited to begin learning and working with all of you. I love meeting new people and chatting, so if you see me around town or in the hospital I'd love to get the chance to meet all of you! Thank you for welcoming me into your town. See you soon!

-- Kegan



Kegan, with his girlfriend Mariah, at their Carroll College graduation



Kegan with a volunteer construction crew in Guatemala



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