

# **COULEE FAMILY MEDICINE WELCOMES**

## **FIRST YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT .... TARA OLSON**

**Hello! My name is Tara Olson and I will be starting medical school in the fall of 2011 in Spokane, working with the University of Washington TRUST Program. I am from Edgewood, a small town in Western Washington, and look forward to getting to know the Eastern side of my state better in these upcoming years.**

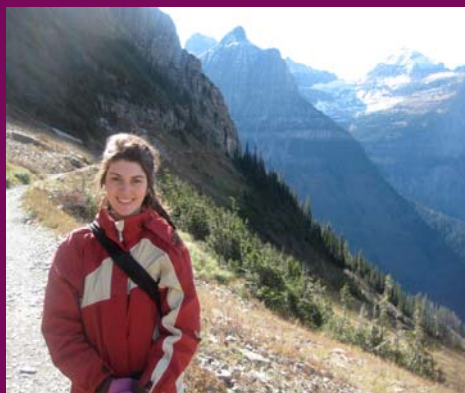
**In 2008, I graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in International Studies and Global Health. I explored a variety of careers in college (after playing violin in a mariachi band for four years and deciding against that) before realizing that medicine combined many of my interests—the ability to work in a rural area, the chance to develop and strengthen relationships with people on a regular basis, and the opportunity to help others while learning something new every day.**

**I explored the field of medicine (and particularly my interest in primary care) by spending time abroad in rural India and studying women's health, job-shadowing family medicine doctors in Eastern Washington and volunteering at a Native American health clinic in Seattle. To get a better understanding of a rural state (apart from what "Northern Exposure" taught me, of course) I moved to Montana in 2009 and completed the Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Medical program at Montana State University. I have been hiking around, working on my fiddling, and studying hard there ever since.**

**I look forward to returning to the Pacific Northwest and starting this new adventure!**

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## **TRUST**

**(Targeted Rural/  
Underserved  
Track)**

The goal of Washington TRUST is to allow for a focused medical school experience in underserved care, with the eventual goal of returning physicians to practice in the underserved areas of Washington.

Washington TRUST scholars will have multiple opportunities to experience first hand the joys and satisfaction of practicing medicine in an underserved community.

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