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Please welcome
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Greetings Miles City!

My name is Makayla Tisdell, and I am a MT WWAMI TRUST student, entering my first year of studies at MSU in the fall. This summer I will be spending time at the Miles City Billings Clinic under the guidance of Dr. Sue Gallo. I was born and raised in Montana—I grew up straight east of here in the small town of Plevna, which is where my love of the outdoors and being from a small community developed. I enjoy fishing, biking, running, cooking, golfing, and spending time with my friends and family.

I graduated from the University of Wyoming in May, 2011 with a BS in Molecular Biology. I developed an early passion and dedication for research and this, along with my various fellowships at Wyoming, led to an internship at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the Center for Environmental Health Sciences. This experience helped to bridge the gap between science and medicine, leading me to the desire to become a physician. This experience also made me realize that I am a Montana girl at heart with a great desire to return to my home state.

After returning from Massachusetts, I began exploring the health care field and had the opportunity to job shadow my family physician in Baker. Currently, I am in Mobridge, SD where I have been fortunate enough to work as a home health and hospital aide as well as an EMT. My experience in Mobridge has not only been insightful re. the issues associated with providing care in rural areas, but also as it pertains to providing health care to culturally diverse populations. Each patient I've had the opportunity to serve reassures me of my goal to become a physician. I am very excited to begin the first step of my medical school career, and am especially honored to be a part of the TRUST program. Thank you for welcoming me to Miles City! ~Makayla Tisdell



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