

# UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF MEDICINE TRUST Program *Targeted Rural Underserved Track* Wolf Point, MT ~ ~ Summer 2009



Greetings Wolf Point!

I am looking forward to being in Wolf Point this summer with Dr. Zilkoski. This will be a bit of a home coming for me since I was here the summer before my junior year when I lived and was employed as a CNA on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. I worked at the hospital performing basic patient needs (vitals, etc.) and at the nursing home in the Alzheimer's unit (assisting with residents' daily needs). Although at that point I already knew I wanted to be a physician and was considering work in rural healthcare, my Wolf Point experience confirmed these inclinations. I also gained great insight into the problems associated with providing healthcare in not only a rural setting, but also a culturally different setting. This experience helped me to become passionate about providing care in isolated locations and in less than ideal situations.

I grew up in Billings. My mother has a masters in nursing, which also added to my early healthcare experiences. My undergraduate years were at Carroll College where I majored in biology, with a minor in chemistry, graduating in May '09. In addition, I played midfield for the Fighting Saints women's soccer team for four years, earning Academic All-American honors. Throughout high school and college, I volunteered with Head Start and with the Montana Health Network, a healthcare network that helps to organize medical services in rural facilities in Montana. When applying to the UWSOM, I was happy to learn about the TRUST program and am looking forward to the opportunities this rural-enhanced program will offer as I go about the business of becoming a doctor!

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