# **HEIDI GROSS**

## Targeted Rural UnderServed Track

#### Montana

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.

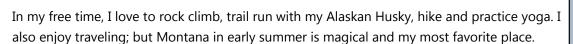
#### Hello Livingston!

My name is Heidi Gross and I am very excited to join you in July as a first year TRUST medical student.

I appreciate the uniquely interpersonal experience that Livingston offers to pursue my medical education within such an environment that supports students in significant, experiential learning. I feel truly grateful to be welcomed into such a warm community, and I look forward to coming to know Livingston and its residents more personally.

I came to medicine from a background based in working with the underserved. After college I spent a year at an orphanage in Cuernavaca, Mexico developing the high school English curriculum, serving as a house parent, and teaching classes. I later served as a volunteer in two rural Ixil regions of Guatemala working in human rights with indigenous witnesses testifying in the national courts for genocide. I finally returned home to Montana to teach Spanish to high school and middle school students.

Medicine provided a natural transition, allowing me to continue to teach, learn and work with underserved populations, while creating positive, lasting change more individually within my own community. I find the diverse perspective gained from these rural experiences invaluable, and look forward to learning more about the unique needs of Livingston.



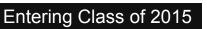
See you in July!

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Heidi, her mom, Linda, and her dog, Whiskey

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