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TRUST UW MEDICINE

Targeted Rural Underserved Track

Eastern Washington—Pullman

Entering Class of 2015

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 Pullman! I was born and raised a few miles south of Pullman, in the Lewis-Clark Valley. I grew up in neighborhoods where families sometimes had to rely on support from the community in order to provide for their children. In this environment, I developed a deep respect and appreciation for volunteers. It is the connection to my community, as well as the meaningful relationships I gain in serving it that is my foundation for pursuing medicine.

When my husband left for his final deployment with the US Navy, I moved myself and our newborn son back to the Valley, intent on becoming the first person in my family to earn a college degree. Throughout my college

experience, I strengthened my bond to my community through tutoring, fundraising, student leadership, and theatre. I graduated summa cum laude from Lewis-Clark State College with a BS in biology and minors in chemistry and theatre.

Last summer our family welcomed twin girls into the world, and I have spent this year soaking up as much time with them and my son as possible. When I am not spending quality time with my family or studying, I can often be found watching or volunteering with the local civic theatre, biking, enjoying a cup of coffee with a friend, or finding some other activity to do outside. I love the sun, especially when there is a body of water nearby or a good book within reach. I can't wait to explore Pullman with my preceptor, Dr. Bowman; and I am so excited to learn every bit of information I can glean from the Pullman medical team. I know that this will be an

incredible experience. Thank you for the opportunity to join this community!





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