

# ALI ARMSTRONG

## Targeted Rural UnderServed Track

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Montana

Entering Class of 2016

*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 Hamilton!

My name is Ali Armstrong and I am extremely excited to begin my medical training in Hamilton as a first year medical student through The University of Washington School of Medicine TRUST Program. I am really looking forward to getting to know your community better!

Although I have been living in Missoula for the last several years, I am proud to call Kalispell and the Flathead Valley my home. My parents, Mark and Katie Armstrong are both teachers in the valley who have instilled in me the importance of serving others and embracing the beauty of Montana! I also have a younger brother, Lane, who I am extremely close with.

After graduating from Glacier High School in 2009, I attended The University of Montana where I earned my B.S. in Human Biology. Going into college I knew I wanted a career in health care that surrounded me with an opportunity to help as many people as possible. During my junior year, I went on a six-week medical volunteer trip to India and a fire came alive inside of me. Since then I have fully committed myself towards the pursuit of becoming a physician.

Throughout my undergraduate experience I was involved in a variety of experiences that continued to confirm my passion for medicine. I volunteered at a juvenile arthritis camp, I was a scribe at St. Patrick Hospital teaching a new electronic record-keeping program, and also a facilitator for the continuing education conferences for physicians. I have also spent the past three years volunteering through the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program. Since graduating with my degree in December of 2014, I have been an active member of an Organ Procurement Agency called Life Center Northwest. Through this position I have been busy traveling throughout Washington, Idaho, and Montana to perform tissue recoveries for donation purposes. I have also been working as an Anatomy Lab Instructor, teaching students anatomy subjects at The University of Montana.

During my time off, I love doing just about anything outside! I spend most of my free time in the winter skiing as much as possible and exploring new mountains, I look forward to becoming more familiar with Lost Trail ski area in the future! I also love Montana summers; I just started this summer off on a Smith River rafting trip!

I am so excited to begin this next chapter with you in Hamilton. When I was first born, my parents spent several years working and living in Hamilton and have shared with me how much they loved the area. I am honored to have the opportunity to come back to a community I was once apart of as a little girl, with the hope to serve as a future physician! Thanks for sharing your town and welcoming me!

*Ali*



*Ali, with her brother, Lane, grandma, and parents, Katie & Mark at her UM undergrad graduation*

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