

CY GILBERT

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.



Hey Dillon!

I grew up in Missoula and spent my formative years roaming the hills and creeks around town. By the end of high school I'd been convinced that I could open doors to worldly adventure by going to school back East. I started college in Washington, DC, but quickly figured out the culture and lack of easy access to some of life's necessities - quiet, trout, dirt roads - wasn't for me. So, I made the then-daring decision to move back to Missoula to regain my bearings and worked for awhile before deciding to give the other coast a shot. I spent the next three years in Seattle, leaving the UW with a degree in philosophy, a future wife, and an inkling that it was probably time to revisit the idea of medical school.

Once again, I returned to Missoula. I started working at St. Patrick Hospital's inpatient psychiatry service and hit my stride. I took the mandatory battery of basic sciences at the University of Montana around my work schedule and eventually took on duties of organizing aftercare and additional service coordination for our patients. In this role, where I'll remain until starting school this August, I've had the privilege to work with lots of outside agencies and hospitals, including Dillon's very own Barrett Hospital. After three years with St. Pat's, I've learned a lot about the healthcare system we all interact with. And with you, I'll be learning far more about the human systems. I'm well aware of the privilege and trust patients and medical staff are required to place in medical students and am committed to doing my best by each of you.

When I learned that I'd been placed with Dr. Hansen in Dillon, I was overjoyed. A great medical team well-respected throughout the Northwest, trout in every direction, dirt roads, the chance for some upland birds, and a great brewery (yes, I've been). In the long run, I'm looking forward to practicing medicine and raising children in small-town Montana. I've been brushing up my Montana history cobwebs since finding out and can't imagine a better place to train - I only wish I could spend more time in town. I'll be starting in Dillon on June 20 for two weeks and will spend a day every other week here throughout the school year, along with the TRUST program's longer site rotations. I can't wait to meet you all.

Outside the hospital, you're likely to find me casting a line, shaking my head as I drive past a flushing bird, or running around with wife-to-be Jenn and our wirehaired Griffon, Winston. Feel free to give me a shout whenever we cross paths, whether that be on the water or in the wards. And thanks for your time!

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Cy, his fiancée Jen,
and Winston



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