# **KEENAN KUCKLER**

## Targeted Rural UnderServed Track

### Montana

#### Entering Class of 2016

UW MEDICINE

WWAMI

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 Glasgow! My name is Keenan Kuckler, and I am so excited to be the incoming TRUST Medical Student here for the next four years. I was born and raised in Billings, Montana. I have known that I want to be a physician since I was twelve-years-old. Through my healthcare experiences, I have been exposed to rural patients who have taught me of the disparities through-out healthcare in our rural state. These experiences have made me passionate about decreasing these disparities across our great state. I plan to return to Montana following residency to care for our rural communities.

I graduated from Skyview High School in 2010, and then attended Rocky Mountain College to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Biology with a Minor in Chemistry in 2014. In my two years out of school, I have worked hard to learn the dynamics of the healthcare system and give back to my community. I currently work for Billings Clinic Hospital in the float pool as a CNA, Anesthesia Technician, Mental Health Worker, and Patient Care Technician. I also have job shadowed and volunteered in a local joint replacement center. These Billings positions have taught me a lot about healthcare, and I look forward to learning about rural healthcare with you all! I plan to bring the knowledge I have learned to serve Montana's communities and decrease healthcare disparities following my medical training.

I spend my free time crocheting, playing with my cat "Sprinkle," spending time with family, reading, job shadowing, shooting photography, and volunteering as an aid in my high school's Spanish classroom. My favorite Montana outdoor activities include going to the rodeo, hiking, camping, boating, fishing, hunting, chatting around a bonfire, and jet skiing. I love caring for people, learning, and teaching. I cannot wait to get to know this community, and am very excited about all we are going to learn from each other the next four years in this beautiful part of the state. I am honored to have this opportunity to share with you.

I look forward to meeting you!

Keenan

Keenan and her cat, Sprinkle





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