

NICOLE JEFFERY

Targeted Rural Underserved Track

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Alaska

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.

My name is Nicole Jeffery and I am honored and excited to be placed at the Kodiak TRUST site! I grew up in Barrow, Alaska, and also have ties to the Bristol Bay, where I go salmon fishing every summer and connect to my Yup'ik heritage. I completed my Bachelor's degree in Human Biology at Stanford University (Class of 2009) and later completed the Stanford Health 4 All Fellowship program in prevention research and community health. Most recently I've been working as a Program Associate with the Stanford Program of Bedside Medicine, and as a Clinical Research Coordinator at the Stanford Prevention Research Center on two different Indigenous behavioral health studies.

My own experiences of the challenges in receiving quality, culturally-informed care in rural Alaska, coupled with the health disparities among Alaska Natives, have fueled my academic path and aspirations in medicine. As a future-physician, my goal is to deliver the highest quality care possible to rural Alaskans! I am honored to have the opportunity to learn from the community of Kodiak in pursuing this goal.

In my spare time, I enjoy hiking, painting, and most of all, dancing! My dream-in-progress is to take a dance pilgrimage all over the world, dancing each style in its native country - so far I have Buenos Aires and Cuba under my belt! Thank you for being apart of my medical school journey - I look forward to meeting everyone in the fall!



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