

# SARAH PRINTZ

## Targeted Rural Underserved Track

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Eastern Washington—Ellensburg

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.*



Hi Ellensburg,

My name is Sarah Printz and I will be starting my medical education this fall through the TRUST program at the University of Washington.

I was born in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, but I was raised in small towns throughout the Pacific Northwest. My dad worked in construction as a power lineman, and his job required us to move often. My mother was a homemaker that kept our house together and made every place we moved to feel like home. Constantly relocating taught me how to adapt and learn about new commu-

nities quickly. I now live in Selah, Washington and I consider Selah my hometown. My love for medicine began at a young age with a fascination of surgeries and a love for helping others, but it was not until after college I realized my passion for primary care. Job shadowing a family physician showed me how connected small town family doctors are with their patients, and inspired me to be a primary care physician for the underserved. I love the central Washington area and I hope to practice medicine locally.

I graduated from Central Washington University with a BS degree in Chemistry and a BA degree in Biology. During my undergraduate studies, I was involved with the Community Engagement Center at CWU and I joined AmeriCorps. While getting involved in my community, I was able to meet exceptional people that shared my same commitment to helping others. Together we worked to develop programs that provided long term solutions to local health and campus problems. Two major projects I help start were the Fall Prevention Program at Ellensburg's Adult Activity Center and a fundraiser for CWU's chimps. I love the Ellensburg community and I am excited to be able to come back to this amazing area.

In my free time I enjoy fishing, dirt bike riding, camping, and hunting. I will be working with Dr. Larson this summer and throughout the rest of my medical education. I know that this will be an incredible journey and I am extremely grateful for this unique training opportunity in Ellensburg.



Fishing the Puyallup River during a salmon run

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