

GARRETT STRIZICH

Targeted Rural Underserved Track



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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.

Greetings Sandpoint!

I am thrilled that I will have the opportunity to serve your community as a TRUST scholar with the University of Washington School of Medicine.

I grew up in Sandpoint, attended Washington Elementary, and graduated from Sandpoint High School in 2003. Since then I have completed a bachelor's degree in Biochemistry at Colorado State University and earned a Master of Public Health degree in epidemiology from Columbia University. I have been working as a data analyst in public health research for the past 4 years, helping to inform prevention approaches in medical practice. But out of a want to return to my rural roots and best serve my home community, I am now embarking on the journey of becoming a doctor. I can't think of a place I would rather get started than right here in my home town.

In my free time I enjoy riding bikes, hanging out at the lake or by a stream, backcountry skiing, playing tennis, and taking adventures with my wife Emily. She hails from Spokane but there's a good chance you know her if you spend much time at the CrossFit gym or Schweitzer. She also worked in town as a pediatric occupational therapist after we returned to Sandpoint to put down roots in 2015.

During my time away from Sandpoint, I've lived in Colorado, Utah, New York City, the Flathead Valley of Montana, and even spent time traveling in South America and Southeast Asia. But there is no place I would rather call home than right here in North Idaho.

If you happen to see me around town, maybe while grabbing a sandwich at Mr. Sub or a cup of coffee from Evan's Brothers, be sure to say hello. Thank you for welcoming me into your community as a TRUST scholar. I look forward to meeting many of you inside and outside the clinic over the years to come. Sincerely, Garrett Strizich



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