

JENNIE ELLER

Targeted Rural UnderServed Track



Montana

Entering Class of 2017

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 Livingston, MT! My name is Jennifer Eller and I am thrilled to begin my medical training as a first-year medical student through the UW School of Medicine. Although I am familiar with the outdoor adventures that Livingston has to offer, I look forward to submerging myself into the medical community and learning so much more!

I have a deep connection to Montana. Both of my parents are currently living in Helena, where I spent the majority of my youth. My parents taught me two different values of the Treasure state: my father instilled on me a deep appreciation of nature, while my mother opened my eyes to the kindness of the people. As for siblings, my older sister Lareh lives in Bozeman and we are very close.

After graduating from Helena High in 2010, I realized that the big city was not for me, so I settled down in Bozeman at Montana State University. I began my college career pursuing Chemical Engineering. After completing two years of the program, I realized I wanted to focus my studies on research and the pursuit of knowledge, so I changed my major to Bio-chemistry. Throughout college, I worked for the USFWS Wildlife Health Office where I discovered my passion for clinical pathology. After graduating in 2014, I obtained a position at a local tissue bank called Xtant Medical. While working there, I would hear stories of how monumentally surgeries impacted patients; within a year, I decided to start shadowing physicians. My first day of shadowing in Ronan, MT was the moment I knew I had found my calling. I had discovered a career that combined compassion, intellect, and commitment - this was what I had been yearning for. Since then, I have fully committed myself to the pursuit of medicine; specifically, gaining an admission into the UW TRUST program – and here I finally am!

Beyond my studies, I spend any and all extra time I have outdoors with my dog, Bogey. Fly fishing is no longer a hobby for me as much as it is a calling, and I find I spend most of my days on the river with a rod in hand and a smile on my face. When I'm off the water, I am likely backpacking in the mountains, running on the trails, or skiing the powder of any Montana resort. I look forward to spending more time in the Paradise Valley and am sure the name does not fall short of the area!

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I am so excited to begin this chapter of my life at Livingston Healthcare. I know the lessons I learn here will be invaluable to me in my future practice and I am so grateful. So thank you WWAMI, for the acceptance into the TRUST program, and thank you Livingston, for welcoming me into your medical community. I look forward to meeting you in the summer!



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