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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.

I'm honored to be back in Ellensburg—the place where my love of health and wellbeing were realized. This time I will be returning as a first-year medical student from the University of Washington.

I am a 4th generation Washingtonian who grew up in Moses Lake. Upon graduation from my small high school, I spent a year studying theology and traveling across Europe. There, I relished seeing new places and learning other cultures. But, upon returning home, I realized how fond I was of the beauty and culture right here in Washington.

I studied Biomedical Science at Central Washington University where I worked with Dr. Blaise Dondji studying infectious diseases. I also participated in his partnership with the Ellensburg community to provide preventative health care resources to the people in his home village in Cameroon. I have been fortunate to already have met many of you when I shadowed various physicians, and volunteered and fundraised for the Open Door Clinic.

Since graduation, I've been living in Bellingham working in an emergency department and in a rheumatology clinic. I've spent time climbing mountains, cycling the coast, visiting national parks, and working at an organic farm in Costa Rica.

As I take this next step in my medical education, I have full confidence that I will be pushed and supported here. I believe in the power of community, both in my training and in my future medical practice. My goal and hope is to follow in the footsteps of those who have influenced and supported me on my journey, as I take up the mantle. I am looking forward to meeting and working with more of the medical community in Ellensburg.



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