

LUKE JOHNSON

Targeted Rural Underserved Track

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Eastern Washington—Newport

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 Newport!

My name is Luke Johnson, and I am an E-2017 medical student who will be located here in your community. I grew up in the suburbs of Vancouver WA (not to be confused with Vancouver BC, even though I am half Canadian) with my father who was a carpenter, my mother who worked as a maid when she could as she raised us, and my little brother. As a child I was known for being a troublemaker: attempting to be the class clown, stealing candy from stores, and generally never sitting still (my parents were reluctant to bring me to church, I was quite fast). Once I discovered reading for fun and started to enjoy learning in my classes, I mellowed out (mostly).



My inspiration for medicine stems from serving as an ASL interpreter for my Deaf parents ever since I was seven years old. What drew me to rural medicine was my shadowing in rural communities, I loved seeing how doctors in small towns could take care of multiple generations of families and offer a wide range of care.

For fun I like to head to the outdoors to hike, camp, and snowboard. I also rock climb at an indoor gym (someday I'll make it to the "real world" of rock climbing) and I love to take pictures of various things in this world, usually mountains.



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