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Targeted Rural Underserved Track

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Eastern Washington—Chelan

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 Chelan!

My name is Marisa Wickerath and I am very excited to start medical school this fall! I am originally from Ellensburg, WA where I grew up riding horses in 4-H, participating in the local fair and rodeo, and singing and dancing in community musicals with my family.

After graduating from Ellensburg High School, I studied Neurobiology at the University of Washington and minored in Dance. I also worked as a Resident Advisor in college where I realized how much I loved building relationships and supporting students even in their most difficult moments. Throughout this job and my classes, I became passionate about the intersection of mental and physical health and realized that a career in rural medicine would allow me to explore this intersection further while working directly with others and advocating for rural communities like my hometown of Ellensburg.



However, before starting medical school I had a dream to live abroad and learn Spanish, so I spent 10 months teaching English in Spain. I picked up quite a bit of the language, but I need to keep practicing! I hope to continue improving so that I can communicate more effectively with Spanish-speaking patients.

Although I have been to Chelan a number of times, I am excited to spend more time here and get to know the community! I also look forward to exploring the outdoors a bit and will probably bring my hiking shoes and climbing gear!

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