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Targeted Rural Underserved Track

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Eastern Washington—Newport

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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.

Hello Newport!

My name is Ryan Lucas and I will be a student at the UW School of Medicine in Spokane starting in August, 2017. I was born in Portland, OR but raised in the small ex-logging community of Stevenson, WA. I grew up in the hills, hiking, rock-climbing, and white water kayaking. I would say fishing but I am a terrible fisherman. I enjoy being active and I am currently an avid Swing dancer doing mostly East Coast Swing and Lindyhop. I have also been teaching Tae Kwon Do as an art of self-defense for the past 7 years in Stevenson, WA. As a 4th degree blackbelt instructor, I can start my own school and test my own students anywhere in the world.

I started my first official job at the age of 16 at a resort hotel called the Skamania Lodge. I have spent the last nine years working in their restaurants as first a dishwasher, then cook, and finally a waiter. While working, I attended Clark College and then transferred to Washington State University Vancouver to

complete my undergraduate studies. I received a bachelor's degree in biology with minors in chemistry and Spanish. During the last few years I developed a deep love for undeserved medicine while volunteering at the Free Clinic of Southwest Washington. I have had the privilege to act as both a volunteer Spanish medical interpreter as well as a Clinic Specialist.

To me, doing medicine in a place that needs you is the most fulfilling prospect for a career. Since I already enjoy living in a rural area and there is a great need for doctors, a pleasant little community like Newport is very likely where I will be practicing as a future physician. I am

looking forward to meeting all of you and learning about your community.



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