# **MOLLY COLE**

## Targeted Rural Underserved Track

### Western Washington

### Entering Class of 2017

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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 Port Townsend! I am Molly, a first year medical student at the UW School of Medicine. I am thrilled to have this opportunity to learn from and grow in your fascinating and vibrant community. I grew up on an apple orchard in a farming community in Colbert, Washington, but I have always loved visiting and exploring Port Townsend and the Puget Sound. Washington is truly home to me, and I am looking forward to being back after having spent time in other parts of the United States!

I received my BS degree at Pomona College in Southern California, where I majored in Neuroscience and minored in Music. After graduating, I traveled to a rural town in Alabama, where I had a Fellowship working at a community health non-profit organization. I helped run a housing program for older women with mental illnesses, a tutoring program at the local elementary school, and community health adult programs. My experiences both in Southern California and in Alabama have furthered my passion for working in healthcare in underserved areas and caring for the most vulnerable members in tight-knit communities.

Some of my favorite activities are running, playing Ultimate Frisbee and hiking, but I am always searching for a new sport to learn. I also love playing piano and swing dancing or contra-dancing with friends. I am so grateful that I will be able to spend time learning from the people and communities in Port Townsend!



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