

GAILYNN BENJAMIN

Targeted Rural Underserved Track

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Eastern Washington—Chelan

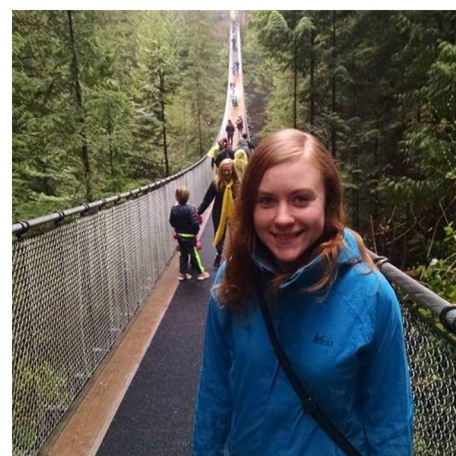
Entering Class of 2018

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 Gailynn Benjamin, and I am a UW medical student who will be located in your community. I grew up in Pullman, WA, where I enjoyed hiking, hunting, and playing baseball. I like the small-town culture and feel, and am excited to be a part of the Chelan community.

I attended college at Seattle Pacific University where I majored in Physiology, minored in Chemistry, and researched metabolic costs related to human locomotion. In addition to exploring everything that Seattle had to offer, I spent time in Ecuador, scribing for doctors running a mobile medical clinic for villages in the Andes Mountains. We provided physical exams, eye care, medications, warm clothing, and blankets.



After college, I spent some time interning for a legislator in Washington, D.C., studying the intersection of the political process and the healthcare system. As much as I enjoyed my time in D.C., I missed the Pacific Northwest and decided to move back to Seattle. I am currently working as a phlebotomist until school starts. In my off time, I enjoy hiking, camping, going to baseball games, and playing board games and card games.

Thank you for welcoming me into your community. I look forward to meeting all of you, creating relationships, and becoming a part of the community. I am excited to explore the beautiful area of Chelan while learning the unique joys and challenges of rural medicine.

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