

SHAMELE BATTAN

Targeted Rural Underserved Track

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UW MEDICINE

Western Washington

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 Lynden and Birch Bay!

I am a first-year medical student entering the class of 2018 and I will complete my medical degree in 2022! Having frequently visited family in Vancouver, BC, I have driven through Lynden and Birch Bay, but never had the time to engage those communities. I am excited to work with both towns and develop a working knowledge of the area.

I was born and raised in Vancouver, WA, and went to Seattle Pacific University where I double majored in Chemistry and Physiology. During college, I also played on the Men's Soccer team; we made it to four NCAA playoff tournaments and won league twice! After college I served as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer in St. Helens, OR. I was in charge of preparing the public health accreditation, along with making any systems and operational changes they saw fit. This experience solidified my desire to work in rural communities. Having grown up in the outskirts of Vancouver, I have always felt at home with rural populations.

When I am not playing soccer and studying, I enjoy being active and engaging in new experiences. I grew up hiking, camping, and fishing. If time allows, I may bring my fishing pole with me! I also love going on runs and frequently visiting the gym. I am excited to meet you and engage the beautiful communities of Lynden and Birch Bay!



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