

# EMILY KERSHAW

## Targeted Rural Underserved Track

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**Eastern Washington —Grand Coulee**

**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.*

Hi Grand Coulee! My name is Emily Kershaw and I am excited to be a part of the TRUST program at Grand Coulee and the University of Washington School of Medicine.

I am from a small town on the west side of Washington called Elma. From running food drives, organizing town-wide homecoming celebrations, being a youth mentor and camp counselor, to showing animals at the fair, being part of the community was how I spent my time, alongside my parents who were involved in almost every aspect of the community as well. My dad is an RN at St. Peters hospital in Olympia, and my mom is an agriculture teacher and the vocational director for the school district.

When I left Elma to go to WSU, I chose to study chemical engineering. I liked being able to apply what I was learning in my science, technology, and math classes to real problems. I soon became involved in the Pullman neighborhood as the community service chairman of my sorority, as a hospital volunteer, as a tutor in the multicultural center, and as a course instructor for the Honors college. I was also blessed with the opportunity to go on two mission trips including Guatemala with Hearts in Motion, and to Portland with a church group. During my summers, I was able to complete engineering internships where I was challenged to solve difficult problems, while exploring the pacific northwest. Recently, I had the opportunity to travel abroad, broadening my perspective and giving me a deeper appreciation of what makes us all unique.

Through these experiences, I was routinely drawn back to healthcare. From assisting physicians in Guatemala to working amongst healthcare teams

in Washington and Alaska, I realized that problem solving and applying modern science to better the lives of others living in rural communities is how I want to spend my time.

In my free time, I enjoy traveling, hiking, camping, fishing, and downhill skiing. I've always enjoyed the Grand Coulee region during the summer months on family trips, and look forward to engaging with the community on a new level. I look forward to meeting you all over the next four years!



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