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## Targeted Rural UnderServed Track

## Montana

WWAMI

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.

## **Greetings Glasgow!**

I am honored to have been selected as your TRUST scholar for the Montana WWAMI entering class of 2018. For the past five years, I have been providing care to Montanans as a registered nurse at Benefis Health System in Great Falls. My career has afforded me the privilege to experience the rich diversity of our state, and has given me valuable insights into the unique healthcare challenges facing rural and underserved populations.

I was born and raised amongst the swamps and wiregrass of South Georgia. I went to nursing school at Darton College (now part of Albany State University) in Albany, Georgia. After earning my associate degree, I headed west. My love of the great outdoors led me to Montana, with its mountains, prairies, and wide-open spaces. I'd be lying if I said the winters haven't taken a little getting used to, but I definitely don't miss the heat and humidity. In 2016, I finished my bachelor's degrees in nursing and Mike & his mom at St. Mary's Falls psychology through Penn State.

I enjoy hiking and photography, and I am always down for random road trips, exploring new places, and seeing what lies beyond the beaten path. I want to return to Big Sky Country to practice medicine, and I am confident that the TRUST program, and your community, are the ideal environments in which to train to become the Montana doctor that I want to be. I look forward to our time together on the Hi-Line over



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Mike piloting a Cessna 172 airplane