

YASHKARN BAINS

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.

Greetings Ferndale! My name is Yashkarn and I am a first year medical student at the UWSOM. I am very honored to start my medical education in Ferndale under the mentorship of Dr. Safford. I look forward to becoming part of your community over the next four years. Although my hometown is Burien, WA, I have meaningful ties to rural Whatcom County because my father once worked on the berry farms in this area. That being said, moving to Ferndale is truly a special privilege for me.

Early on my parents and teachers instilled a powerful sense of civic mindedness and patriotism in me. Naturally, I developed a passion for serving others and sought a career that would honor their teachings. Later on I became inspired to pursue medicine while in high school after volunteering at the South Park SeaMar Clinic. I then attended UW where I double majored in Microbiology and Molecular Cellular Biology. After graduation I became an ER scribe at Highline Hospital in Burien. My experiences as a scribe invigorated my interest in medicine, but it also opened my eyes to the disparities in health care and the importance of preventative medicine. I also worked in Dr. Deepa Rao's lab at UW's department of Global Health where I studied disparities in mental health. In my free time, I enjoy home cooking, sports, DIY home projects and spending time with family.

I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve and learn from your community. See you soon!



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