E-86 Dr. A. Patrice Burgess Receives 2017 WWAMI Alumni Award

Idaho WWAMI was pleased to present E-86 Anne Patrice Burgess, MD with the 2017 WWAMI Alumni Award for Excellence in Mentoring, Teaching, Leadership, and Patient Care at the Idaho WWAMI Legislative Reception on January 31, 2017.

Dr. A. Patrice Burgess is a family physician who has practiced in Boise, Idaho for more than 20 years. She received her undergraduate and master’s degrees in zoology from the University of Idaho. Dr. Burgess is a 1990 graduate of the UW School of Medicine (E-86, Idaho WWAMI) and completed residency training at the Family Practice Residency of Idaho in Boise where she served as co-chief resident in 1993. After residency, she served as a physician in the U.S. Air Force in Phoenix, Arizona before returning to Boise to teach in the residency program where she trained. She then served in several clinical and administrative roles, including Medical Director of Physician Relations at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. She currently practices full-spectrum family medicine, including in-patient hospital care and obstetrics in Boise. Dr. Burgess is very active in organized medicine and has held leadership roles with the American Medical Association (AMA) and the Idaho Medical Association (IMA). She was elected as the first woman president of the IMA in 2005-2006. She currently serves as the Idaho Delegate to the American Medical Association, also the first woman to hold this position in Idaho. She is proud to care for multiple generations of patient’s families and to continue to do hospital medicine and OB care. She continues to teach and advocate for WWAMI. She is also proud to be married to her husband Ken, another Vandal, for 27 years and proud of each of their children, both Vandals; Bradley, age 22, and Kelly, age 19. Congratulations to Dr. A. Patrice Burgess on this well-deserved recognition!

To learn more about Dr. A. Patrice Burgess, visit her Saint Alphonsus clinic website: https://www.saintalphonsus.org/anne-burgess-md

Idaho WWAMI Remembers Marilyn Shuler

Idaho WWAMI would like to extend our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of the late Marilyn Shuler, a longtime human rights leader. Marilyn opened her home to countless UWSOM medical students while they completed elective clerkships in the Treasure Valley Area. She was a sheer joy to work with and she will be missed by many.
Boise Physician Elected President of the Northwest Regional Chapter of the SGIM

Andrea Christopher, MD, MPH, General Internist at the Boise VA Medical Center and Clerkship Site Director for the UWSOM’s Internal Medicine Required Clerkship in Boise has been elected as incoming President for the Northwest Regional Chapter of the Society for General Internal Medicine (SGIM). The Presidency carries a three-year term. Dr. Christopher is passionate about social justice, medical education, health policy research, and clinical practice. Dr. Christopher earned her BS degree from the University of Washington with college honors, she then completed medical school at the University of Washington School of Medicine, with a focus in global health. Dr. Christopher completed her residency training at UWSOM’s Internal Medicine Residency Program, during which time she rotated as a Teaching Fellow at the University of Melbourne School of Medicine. Dr. Christopher served as Chief Medical Resident for UWSOM’s Boise Internal Medicine Residency Program based at the Boise VA Medical Center, and later joined as teaching faculty. As NW SMIG President, Dr. Christopher hopes to focus on supporting continued growth of the chapter and creating more opportunities for trainee involvement. She would also like to create more space for collaboration on scholarship within the region and facilitate meeting attendance and mentorship for medical student and resident physicians. Congratulations Dr. Christopher on your Presidency. Idaho WWAMI wishes you the best!

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Thank you to all of our 2016 Faculty Development Workshop Sponsors!

This program would not have been possible without you!
Idaho WWAMI Students Elected into Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society

The newly elected members of the UWSOM’s chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha, the national Honor Medical Society, were announced in September 2016. The top 25% of each class is eligible to be considered for AOA. Feedback from peers, recommendations from college mentors and clerkship directors, as well as community service and scholastic achievements are all considered in student selection. Idaho WWAMI is proud to announce that the following Idaho students were elected:

Amanda Williams

Idaho WWAMI would also like to recognize the students elected last Spring from Idaho:

Daniel Bechtold
Lauren Jacobson

Student Service

The E-16 Idaho WWAMI students are taking active roles in service locally and beyond.
Class President, Jordan Wallace
Vice President, Jamie Funk
Treasurer, Braden Lawrence
AMA Representative, Jackson Shaver
AMSA Representative, Jessica Richelieu
FMIG Representatives, Melissa Liner and Savannah Patterson
Outreach Coordinators, Taylor Simmons and John Bartoletta

Idaho WWAMI students are also contributing to the medical school accreditation preparation either as leaders of the Independent Student Analysis (ISA) team or as members on various accreditation committees. The committees/students are:
Learning Environment and Dean’s office support, Fritz Siegert, E14 Idaho WWAMI
Subcommittee for Student Services and Resources, Bobby Endo and Justin Gause, E15 Idaho WWAMI students
Subcommittee for the Foundations Curriculum, Ana Cornea, E15 Idaho WWAMI

Idaho WWAMI and the UWSOM would like to thank these students for their time and dedication to enhancing the medical school experience for all.

The TRUST Tribune: Pending Update from Tyler Wines

Since the last time I’ve written, there have been some significant milestones the Idaho E15s experienced. We completed Foundations Phase in Moscow and took the first part of our boards. Between finishing the Foundations Phase and studying for boards I fit in a trip back to my TRUST continuity community of Hailey. Next I will do my general surgery rotation at UW Medical Center. The next six months of clerkships in Seattle will be unlike any I have ever experienced. Though my time in Seattle is just beginning, I am thankful that the TRUST program has provided me with the opportunity to study medicine in two complete different settings (Hailey, ID compared to Seattle, WA). This will allow me to recognize and focus on the unique and pivotal differences that arise when delivering healthcare within rural setting. This is one aspect of my education that can’t be taught in the classroom, but must be experienced in person, which is why the TRUST program is such an influential part of my medical education.

Idaho WWAMI Staff Nominated for UWSOM Regional Affairs Employee of the Quarter

Idaho WWAMI would like to congratulate Adriana Olivas on her two recent nominations for UWSOM’s Regional Affairs Employee of the Quarter. Adriana was nominated in September, and again in December of 2016. We are happy to have her as part of our WWAMI team in Idaho and would like to thank her for all that she does for students and preceptors in Idaho and beyond.

Thank You to Heather Gunter, Clinic Manager, Pocatello Children’s Clinic

For the past 10 years, Heather Gunter, Clinic Manager for Pocatello Children’s Clinic, has served as the WWAMI Administrative Site Coordinator working along the many Pediatrician’s in Pocatello who teach UWSOM medical students. Heather has volunteered countless hours coordinating schedules, arranging experiences for students, helping physicians with administrative duties related to clerkship activities, all while maintaining her existing job as a clinical manager of a growing and very busy pediatric clinic.

Heather’s role has grown so much that it was time for her to transition WWAMI specific duties to someone else in the clinic. The Idaho WWAMI office would like to extend our deepest gratitude and thanks for all of Heather’s years of service and for making the experience for students in Pocatello an enjoyable one.

Thank you for reading The WWAMI Messenger

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