



MT WWAMI NEWSLETTER

This fall, Montana WWAMI Foundations Phase Students (E'15s and E'16s) were welcomed to their new classrooms at Bozeman Health's Highland Park 5 building.

The new facility roughly doubles the space available to Montana WWAMI students and faculty. Investments made by MSU and generous donors have made possible the \$2.1 million interior buildout of the space, according to MSU WWAMI Director Martin Teintze. MSU is also covering the cost of leasing the space. "We didn't have enough space for 60 students," Teintze said, "and having this new facility is absolutely essential to participating in the new curriculum," which emphasizes interaction with professional physicians and small-group learning in place of traditional lectures.

One of the facility's large classrooms can be divided into three smaller rooms to facilitate group work, and the other is set up with cameras and microphones that allow students to videoconference with faculty and students in Seattle and the other WWAMI sites. "The students are getting more clinical training in 18 months than they used to get in two years," Teintze said.

The Highland Park space also includes an anatomy lab equipped with excellent lighting and ventilation, plus attached locker rooms.

According to Teintze, locating the new space at the hospital largely eliminates the need for students and faculty to travel back and forth between campus and the hospital.

"Most of the clinical education



Photo courtesy Bozeman Health.

is happening here at Bozeman Health, and most of our faculty are physicians," Teintze said. "Now they just have to walk down the hall, instead of driving to campus."

That also means more opportunity for students and Bozeman Health physicians, 25 of whom are WWAMI graduates, to interact in hallways or during meal times, said Michael Spinelli, a practicing physician and associate director of the Montana WWAMI program.

"Being around students helps remind us why we went into medicine and helps ground us in our work," he added. *Excerpted from MSU News, by Marshall Swearingen*

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Entering 2016 Montana WWAMI TRUST Students



Meet the entering 2016 TRUST students (w/ TRUST sites noted). Starting top row, L to R: MaryGlen Vielleux (Livingston), Dalton Peaslee (Libby), Chance Stewart (Miles City), Tessa Zolnikov (Lewistown), Cy Gilbert (Dillon), Ali Armstrong (Hamilton), Hannah Vigne (Butte), Shauna Milne-Price (Hardin), Keenan Kuckler (Glasgow), Angela Bangs (Dillon)

Mark Your Calendars, 2017
MT WWAMI Faculty Development Conference at Big Sky, April 7-9

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On September 2nd, entering Montana WWAMI students and their friends and families were welcomed at the annual White Coat Ceremony at MSU. The ceremony included remarks from MT WWAMI Program Director, Martin Teintze and UWSOM Associate Dean for Admissions Carol Teitz. The students were presented with their white coats and stethoscopes. Teitz described the importance of the doctor's white coat, which doctors have been wearing for almost 100 years. The color alone signifies purity, truth, candor and cleanliness, she said. "The doctor's white coat has become...a cloak of compassion," Teitz said. "A person wearing a white coat is a person a patient can trust."

In addition to welcoming the students into the medical profession, the white coat ceremony also helps make students aware of their professional responsibilities and encourages them to accept the obligations inherent in practicing medicine. As part of an orientation held earlier this summer, the students reviewed several widely used physician's oaths before creating their own as a class. The students recited their oath at the ceremony. *Excerpted from 9/2/2106 edition of MSU News by Jessianne Wright*



MaryGlen Vielleux, left, one of the 30 students in the MT WWAMI Medical Education Program, is handed a white coat by Dr. Meghan Johnston. photo by Adrian Sanchez-Gonzalez

Billings Track

The Billings Track hosted a "Frank Discussion" at the Student House on October 12th. Enjoying great pizza and camaraderie, Dr. Roxanne Fahrenwald led the discussion on "Strolling Through the Match."

Pictured left to right: *Daniel Kim, MS III, Allison Dawson, MS III and her husband Logan, Cyrus, Haselman, MS IV, Ann Seeley, MS III, Hannah Dysinger, MS III, Cassandra Muxen, MS III, Dr. Roxanne Fahrenwald, Billings Track Lead Physician, Kip Barhaugh, MS III, Orin Hansen, MS IV, Julie Campbell, MS IV, Andrew Roehrig, MS III*



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Welcome New Montana WWAMI Clerkships

New Montana WWAMI required clerkships for 2016:

- ◆ Bozeman Pediatrics: Dr. Angie Ostrowski at Bozeman Health Pediatrics
- ◆ Bozeman Psychiatry: Dr. Anne Rich at Gallatin Mental Health
- ◆ Billings Psychiatry has a new director, Dr. Mark Nicholson, Mental Health Center





Missoula Track

Dr. Brad Pickhardt with Missoula Surgical Associates was awarded the WWAMI Missoula Teacher of the Year award for 2015-2016 (the recipient is determined annually by student vote).

Dr. Pickhardt was presented with the award in June at the end of year clerkship meeting. In addition to an embossed plaque celebrating this honor, he was given a fleece vest embroidered with the WWAMI logo.

Student comments: *Dr. Pickhardt approached his job every day with an enthusiasm

that was infectious. During visits with patients, he explained procedures in ways that were easily accessible and understandable for patients. He was down-to-earth but also insightful.

*I think Dr. Pickhardt was born a surgeon. Working with him was like watching a person in their most perfect element. The way you might feel if you could go back in time and watch Michelangelo sculpt or Wayne Gretzky handle a hockey puck. I once asked him what specialty he

would choose if not surgery. He said, "I love this job so much, I can't imagine doing anything else."



Dr. Pickhardt with Missoula Track Director, Dr. Blair Davis

Bozeman Track ~ Welcomes Kayla Schmid



Kayla Schmid is not a new face in the WWAMI world, but is now serving a larger role as Bozeman Health's WWAMI Clerkship Coordinator. She lives in Dillon with her family (partner Keith and two dogs, Bo and Luke) and previously worked administratively at

Barrett Hospital, where she coordinated the rotating medical students and residents. Prior to

working at Barrett, she attained a degree in Business Management, with a minor in Health & Fitness Management while playing volleyball for the U of M - Western.

Kayla's work with the WRITE program in Dillon has given her a passion for longitudinal models of learning medicine. Her understanding of the administrative and clinical components

involved in teaching medicine, coupled with her experience with the local medical communities is a great benefit for the medical education program at Bozeman Health. Kayla is excited about her new role with Montana WWAMI. Outside of work, she enjoys exploring the outdoors by hiking, snowboarding, running, hunting, boating, camping, and riding ATVs.

RUOP in Montana

Participation in the Rural and Underserved Opportunities Program (RUOP) continues to be robust in Montana: 36 WWAMI students (26 of them from the entering 2015 MT WWAMI class) were placed in RUOP sites throughout the state. The students spend four weeks working with a physician mentor in a rural or underserved practice. Most of the students participating in RUOP were able to combine their experience with the III (Independent Investigative Inquiry). This is a wonderful opportunity for both the students and the communities.



Miles City RUOP student, Aaron Maus performing a newborn check

MCAT Prep Summit

Every other year, Montana WWAMI organizes an MCAT Prep Summit for those preparing to take the exam. Held at the University of Montana on October 29th, the event welcomed 55 guests from various colleges and universities, including Carroll College, MT Tech, MSU, University of Great Falls, and U of M. Topics included *Nuts & Bolts of the MCAT*, *Test-Taking Anxiety Strategies* presented by Jamey Cheek, EdD, Director of Academic Support at UW; *Pearls of Wisdom from successful MCAT-takers*; and *Application & Interview Advice* from past Montana WWAMI Admissions ExCom members, Drs. Joan Dickson and LeeAnna Muzquiz. A lunch discussion about WWAMI & TRUST was led by Dr. Jay Erickson, Montana WWAMI Clinical Dean. The MCAT Prep Summit was sponsored by the Montana AHEC, Kaplan, University of Montana's PreMed Program, and Montana WWAMI TRUST. The PreMed Summit, which alternates years with the MCAT Prep Summit, will take place at MSU next fall.



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AAFP Conference - MT WWAMI Student Attendees

The AAFP National Conference is an annual event, held in Kansas City, MO, with a focus on topics and experiences that are of interest to medical students and residents. It is the premier event for medical students to learn more about family medicine, explore residency programs, network with other students, and participate in educational programming, such as workshops, procedural skills courses and special sessions about applying to residency.

Montana WWAMI had seven students attend the conference in July: Kellee Glaus, Justinn Marshall, Carlee Fountaine, Rebekah Huckleby, Orin Hansen, Megan Hatcher-Lee, and Cameron Scranton. Funding for student travel was generously provided by the Montana AFP and Montana TRUST.

Justinn Marshall noted, "My experience at the AAFP National Conference was extremely enjoyable and beneficial. I had a great time meeting and networking with students, residents, and physicians that are involved in and passionate about family medicine. I also enjoyed learning about a variety of topics at the workshops."

Orin Hansen commented: "As a 4th year medical student, I took advantage of visiting with the residencies, and with application season rapidly approaching, I found this to be very helpful. I was essentially able to conduct about a dozen mini-interviews, which has helped me modify the list of programs I'll be applying to. I feel more confident approaching application season because I went to Kansas City. The greatest benefit of attending the KC AAFP National Conference, and I found this the first time I attended as well, is the inspiration towards Family Medicine that I always leave with. I love being surrounded by like-minded students, residents, and faculty from around the country, and hearing inspirational conversations and speeches by leaders in the field."



Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Society (AOA)

We celebrate the newly elected AOA members from the MT WWAMI E-13 class. On September 12th, Conrad Addison, Julie Campbell and Caroline Pihl were welcomed to the UW's AOA chapter. A national honor society, this professional medical organization recognizes and advocates for excellence in scholarship and the highest ideals in the

profession of medicine. The chapter can elect up to 16% of the class in total. Students were selected using a blinded process that incorporated not only their grades but also feedback from peers, college mentors, and clerkship directors, this in addition to information about their service and scholarly efforts.



Newly Inducted AOA members, Montana WWAMI Students Entering Class 2013: Conrad Addison, Julie Campbell, Caroline Pihl