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REGISTRATION OPEN! 3rd Annual Faculty Development Workshop: Tools for Learner Centered Education - 11.05.16

Idaho WWAMI is offering their 3rd Annual Faculty Development Workshop: Tools for Learner Centered Education. The workshop is open to all physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners who teach students. Seating is limited to 60 participants so be sure to register early. To registration and view additional information, visit:

<http://www.uwmedicine.org/education/wwami/wwami-conferences/faculty-development-workshop>

Registered participants will receive a copy of the book *Blind Spot, Hidden Biases of Good People*. Questions? Call 208-364-4544 or idwwami@uw.edu



2015-2016 Idaho WWAMI Physician Preceptor Award Recipients

At the close of each academic year, the Idaho WWAMI Medical Education Program honors physicians who teach 3rd and 4th year medical students during their clinical phase of medical education all over Idaho. There were three award recipients for the 2015-2016 academic year. Student nominations are gathered from UWSOM 3rd and 4th year medical students who spend time in Idaho during their clinical phase of medical school at clerkships throughout Idaho. The nominations express the student’s feelings on why the physician nominee deserves the honor, what the physician does that is above and beyond, and how the physician has enhanced the student’s education while they were in Idaho. Idaho WWAMI would like to thank all of the many physicians in Idaho who dedicate their time, talent and expertise teaching UWSOM medical students.

Dr. Josh Kern, WA WWAMI (E-01) and UWSOM graduate, family medicine physician, practicing at St. Luke’s Family Medicine in Jerome, is the recipient of the 2015-2016 Dr. Judd Lunn Memorial Idaho WWAMI Teacher of the Year Award. Dr. Kern is one of the UWSOM’s TRUST/RUOP and WRITE Clinical Site Directors in Idaho. Dr. Kern was presented the award during Idaho WWAMI’s annual Idaho Track Welcome on July 26, 2016 in Boise, ID. The student nomination is as follows: “Dr. Kern has had more influence in shaping my future as a physician than any other preceptor I have worked with thus far. First and second year of medical school effectively taught me the “science of medicine”, and third year largely allowed me to put that knowledge into practice. My time with Dr. Kern, however, is where most of my understanding towards the “art of medicine” has been derived. As would be expected, he taught me much about the evidence based treatment of various medical conditions, but it is his example of how to treat a patient as a whole person that I believe will be the most valuable lesson moving forward. His ability to help patients with varying levels of insight explore their medical concerns in the context of their life situation is a pearl that I’ve gathered and begun trying to develop in my own patient interactions. Though this approach often requires additional time, and what sometimes seems to be a straying from a patient’s complaint or proper medical diagnosis, he has shown me that the potential rewards to be gained, in terms of both treatment efficacy and the quality of patient-provider relationships, are well worth the extra effort. Ultimately, I feel like Dr. Kern has provided me with an exceptional model of what it means to truly “care” for ones patients.” It is with great appreciation for Dr. Kern’s dedication, passion



Dr. Mary Barinaga, Assistant Dean, Regional Affairs & Idaho Rural Family Physician, Dr. Joshua Kern (Jerome, ID)

and expert knowledge, that we congratulate him on this well-deserved award.



Alan Potts (E-13) & Dr. Kim Lynch, General Surgeon (Boise)

Dr. Maureen Kim Lynch, Required Surgery Clerkship Site Director, practicing at the Boise VA Medical Center is the recipient of the first Idaho WWAMI Teacher Superior in Perpetuity Award. This award is reserved for clinicians in Idaho who teach students and repeatedly were nominated for, and awarded the, annual Idaho Track Teacher of the Year Award. Dr. Lynch is well-loved and respected by many UWSOM students and Idaho Trackers over the course of her time teaching in Idaho. Students have lots to say about Dr. Lynch. Below is just one of many submissions: “She is one of the best teachers and physicians I have ever worked with. I will talk about her to future students and peers for the rest of my career. I would say that everything that Dr. Lynch does is “above and beyond”. She constantly went out of her way to teach us and fill in our educational gaps with the things we didn’t know. She is so graceful, kind and patient as well. She treated us as peers, and as a

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Idaho WWAMI would like to offer a sincere thank you to the Idaho Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) Foundation for their support of UWSOM Idaho WWAMI medical students to travel and participate in the AAFP's National Conference in Kansas City, MO this July.



THANK YOU IAFP Foundation!



Visit the IAFP's Foundation website to learn how you can help support their efforts in Idaho!

<http://idahofamilyphysicians.org/tar-wars>



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mentor, has helped me and others discover our direction in medicine. I was nervous going into my surgery rotation, but ended up considering going into general surgery after my rotation. She has been a great resource and advocate even after completing my surgery rotation months ago." Idaho WWAMI is thrilled to have Dr. Lynch as the first recipient of this award and looks forward to having her as part of the clinical faculty in Idaho for years to come.



Dr. Megan Dunay, Geriatric Medicine (Boise) & Dr. Mary Barinaga

Dr. Megan Dunay, Chronic Care/Rehab/Geri Medicine Required Clerkship Site Director, practicing at the Boise VA Medical Center, is the recipient of the 2015-2016 Dr. Judd Lunn Memorial Idaho Track Teacher of the Year Award. Dr. Dunay also leads the Aspects of Aging Elective Clerkship based at the Boise VA Medical Center that many 4th year UWSOM students take. Dr. Dunay is passionate about education and students enjoy learning the art of medicine from her. One student had this to say about their time with Dr. Dunay, "Dr. Dunay is so enthusiastic about teaching both her students and her patients. She is a joy to work with due to her drive, constant positivity, and willingness to go above and beyond. She made geri/rehab an enjoyable rotation; her patients and coworkers are lucky to have her!"

Idaho WWAMI Student Elected Student Delegate to AAFP Congress of Delegates

In July 2016, with the generous sponsorship of the Idaho Academy of Family Physicians, the largest Idaho delegation ever attended the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students in Kansas City, MO. Led by Idaho student delegate Matt Peters (Eagle, ID), a WWAMI E-13 medical student, the group had opportunities to explore residency programs from around the country, advocate for issues important to current and future family physicians, and attend workshops on a broad range of topics. Additionally, delegates to the National Congress of Family Medicine Residents and National Congress of Student Members elected new leaders for 2016-2017. Several attendees from Idaho made strong runs for elected positions and Matt was fortunate enough to be elected as one of two Student Delegates to the 2017 AAFP Congress of Delegates. Visit the AAFP's website to read more about student leadership roles and election results: <http://www.aafp.org/news/education-professional-development/20160730nc-elections.html>



Matt is a fourth year Idaho Track student and acts as the fourth year Idaho Track Student Representative. Matt is passionate about advocacy and feels strongly that family physicians have a duty to play an active role in driving positive change for their patients and the practice of medicine. UWSOM is pleased and proud to have Matt representing the student voice within the AAFP.

AAFP Student Congress Adopts Substitute Resolution to Support Rural Training Opportunities

During the AAFP National Congress of Student Members, held in July 2016, in Kansas City, MO, delegates adopted resolutions that addressed protecting patient welfare and identifying programs that offer rural training opportunities. Resolution co-author, Matt Peters, 4th Year Idaho WWAMI/UWSOM student, testified during a reference committee hearing where he eloquently and passionately discussed the need for development of a database by AAFP, Rural Training Tracks, and the National Rural Health Association that would allow students and residents to look up rotations around the country and get exposure to procedures and opportunities in rural medicine. Please visit the AAFP's website to read the full article and see a photo of Matt in action, and find out what other resolutions were adopted. <http://www.aafp.org/news/education-professional-development/20160803nc-studentcongress.html>

Idaho Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) Names Idaho WWAMI Graduate 2016 Idaho Family Physician of the Year



Dr. Robert McFarland, Family Medicine physician and Idaho WWAMI (E-73) UWSOM graduate from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho named IAFP's 2016 Idaho Family Physician of the Year. Read the IAFP article here:

<http://idahofamilyphysicians.org/>

Dr. McFarland is a faculty physician at the Kootenai Health Family Medicine Coeur d'Alene Residency Program. To learn more about Kootenai Health and Dr. McFarland visit:

<http://www.kh.org/site/apps/kb/cs/contactdisplay.asp?c=dkLSK7OPLnKaE&b=8769031&sid=klK1KePTIgiZifMPJpF&r=1#.V79sFHrM6ig>

AAFP Award for Excellence in Graduate Medical Education (GME)



Idaho WWAMI (E-10) and UWSOM graduate, Dr. Hailey Wilson from Lapwai, Idaho is one of 12 residents being presented with AAFP's Award for Excellence in GME. The honor recognizes outstanding residents for

their leadership, civic involvement, exemplary patient care, and aptitude for and interest in family medicine. Award recipients will be recognized at a special breakfast on September 22nd during the Family Medicine Experience in Orlando, FL. Dr. Wilson is currently completing her family medicine residency training at Swedish Cherry Hill Family Medicine Residency. Hailey obtained her B.S. degree in Health Sciences Studies from Boise State University. Read AAFP's full article here:

http://blogs.aafp.org/cfr/leadervoices/entry/aafp_award_for_excellence_in?cmpid=em_55878960_L1#.V31fQW5247c.facebook

Idaho Residency Program Director Honored as a Recipient of the 2016 Richard M. Tucker WWAMI Excellence in Teaching Award by UW Department of Medicine

Dr. Melissa "Moe" Hagman, Idaho WWAMI (E-95) and UWSOM graduate, Internal Medicine physician at the Boise VA Medical Center and UW Boise Internal Medicine Residency Program Director, is a recipient of UWSOM Department of Medicine's Richard M. Tucker WWAMI Excellence in Teaching Award. Since 1998, the Department of Medicine has selected four to five WWAMI physicians to receive this award based on nominations submitted by students, residents, and faculty in WWAMI. In 2009 the award was renamed to honor the late Dr. Richard Tucker, who was the Wenatchee site coordinator and served as an infectious diseases specialist and director for quality and education at the Wenatchee Valley Medical Center. The award recognizes true enthusiasm and dedication in providing outstanding teaching and service to medical students. Congratulations Dr. Hagman!

Dr. Moe Hagman instructs UWSOM Idaho WWAMI graduate, Matthew Wilson (E-10)



2016 Idaho WWAMI UWSOM Graduating Physician Specialties

Idaho WWAMI is proud to announce our 17 graduates who were hooded at the University of Washington School of Medicine commencement ceremony in Seattle, WA on May 27, 2016. Graduating students proceed into the residency training phase of their medical careers, which can range from three additional years of training to up to seven additional years, depending on specialty selection. Our 2016 graduate specialty choices are shown below along with their respective residency programs. We would like to congratulate all of our graduating students on their achievements.

Specialty	Residency Program
Anesthesiology	UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, CA
Emergency Medicine	UC San Diego Medical Center, San Diego, CA
Emergency Medicine	University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Farmington, CT
Emergency Medicine	Maricopa Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ
Family Medicine	University of Utah Affiliated Hospitals, Salt Lake City, UT
Family Medicine	Tacoma Family Medicine, Tacoma, WA
Family Medicine	Family Medicine Residency of Idaho, Boise, ID
General Surgery	Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, Richmond, VA
Internal Medicine	Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, NC
Internal Medicine	University of Washington Affiliated Hospitals, Seattle, WA
Obstetrics & Gynecology	University of Colorado School of Medicine, Aurora, CO
Orthopaedic Surgery	University of North Carolina Hospitals, Chapel Hill, NC
Orthopaedic Surgery	Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC
Otolaryngology	Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education, Scottsdale, AZ
Otolaryngology	University of Rochester – Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, NY
Pediatrics	University of Utah Affiliated Hospitals, Salt Lake City, UT
Pediatrics	University of Washington Affiliated Hospitals, Seattle, WA



UWSOM Service Awards

Each year, UWSOM students are eligible to receive the Service Award, which recognizes students for their community service, service learning, or advocacy contributions. The 2015-2016 Service Award Idaho WWAMI recipients were:

- ✓ Zoe Cross, E-12
- ✓ Kaitlyn Kennedy, E-12
- ✓ Madison Skogsberg, E-13
- ✓ Daniel Bechtold, E-13
- ✓ Matthew Peters, E-13
- ✓ Brian Walker, E-13
- ✓ Eric Donahue, E-13
- ✓ Lauren Jacobson, E-13
- ✓ Emily Burns, E13
- ✓ Claire Gentile, E-14
- ✓ Fritz Siegert, E-14
- ✓ Tate Saurey, E-15
- ✓ Jessica Copeland, E-15
- ✓ Victoria Talbutt, E-15
- ✓ Habtam Asmeche, E-15
- ✓ Phillip Crepeau, E-15
- ✓ Sara Schaefer, E-15

Idaho WWAMI would like to thank these students, and all Service Award recipients, for their commitment to service and advocacy contributions.

While spending time learning in Idaho, many students also volunteer their time at Boise's Friendship Clinic treating uninsured and underinsured patients during student-run clinics twice a month. Visit the clinic's website <http://www.friendshipclinic.com> to learn more about the organization where students, residents, and physicians spend their time giving back to the community.

RUOP Student Reflections



"RUOP showed me the impact that rural physicians can have on communities, and introduced me to the unique opportunities of small town medicine. I am very

grateful to the outstanding providers of Nampa and Marsing, Idaho for going out of their way to mentor and teach me, and for making my summer experience so meaningful."

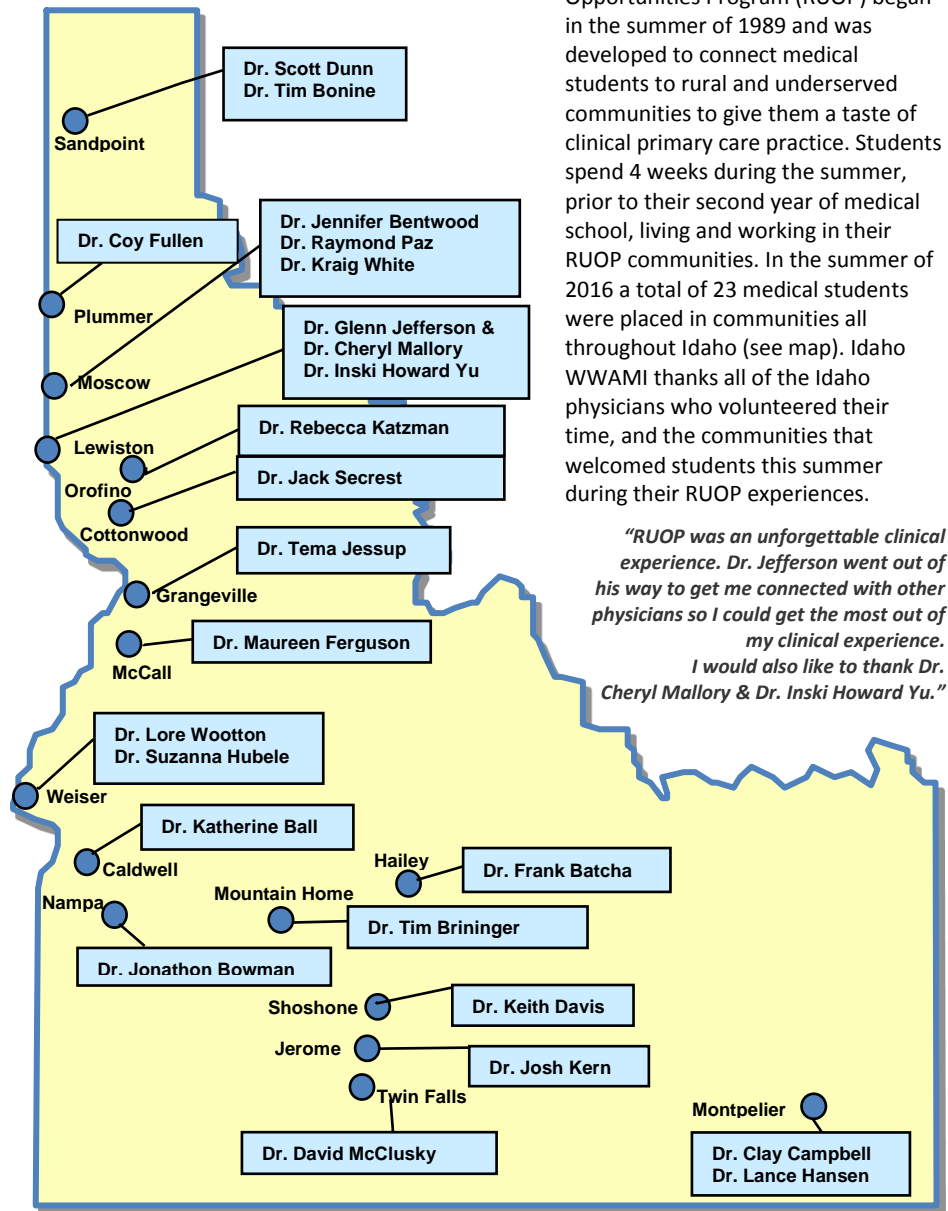
"Without a doubt, RUOP has been the highlight of my medical school experience so far. I'd like to thank Dr. David McClusky for not only taking the time to



teach me anatomy, suturing, and clinical skills, but also for becoming my role model. You have inspired me to bring a personal touch to each patient interaction and to look beyond the clinic for ways to make an impact in my community like you have done."

2016 Rural/Underserved Opportunities Program A RUOP Thank You!

THANK YOU Idaho RUOP Physician Preceptors and Communities!



UWSOM's Rural/Underserved Opportunities Program (RUOP) began in the summer of 1989 and was developed to connect medical students to rural and underserved communities to give them a taste of clinical primary care practice. Students spend 4 weeks during the summer, prior to their second year of medical school, living and working in their RUOP communities. In the summer of 2016 a total of 23 medical students were placed in communities all throughout Idaho (see map). Idaho WWAMI thanks all of the Idaho physicians who volunteered their time, and the communities that welcomed students this summer during their RUOP experiences.

"RUOP was an unforgettable clinical experience. Dr. Jefferson went out of his way to get me connected with other physicians so I could get the most out of my clinical experience. I would also like to thank Dr. Cheryl Mallory & Dr. Inski Howard Yu."



"...RUOP reminded me of the humanity in medicine. Although the physicians were often tired from the long hours and heavy responsibilities, they seemed content because they were caring for a community that they loved. I also learned that there is never a dull moment in rural medicine with a breadth of practice that provides a challenging, yet exciting, environment."



"RUOP was a great chance to get to know my site's amazing physicians. This experience has only reinforced my appreciation for rural medicine."



E-13 Idaho TRUST Scholar Career on Wheels in Twin Falls during WRITE



Ben Searcy (E-13) Idaho TRUST Scholar, spent much of his third year of medical school living and training in the Magic Valley in Jerome, Idaho at St. Luke's Jerome Family Medicine, learning beside Jerome WRITE Site Director, Dr. Joshua Kern. In May 2016, Ben Searcy and Dr. Tara Mertz-Hack, a resident from Family Medicine Residency of Idaho, made medicine fun for 5th graders at the Twin Falls School District's Career on Wheels event held at the CSI Expo Center. The goal of the event was to inform students of the broad array of career opportunities available to them.

IMA Board of Trustees Idaho WWAMI Student Representative



Courtney Gwinn (E-12), pictured above-left, served as Idaho WWAMI's Medical Student Representative on the IMA Board of Trustees for two years. UWSOM and UUSOM students are appointed to the IMA Board and serve a two-year term. Their 1st year is observational and during their 2nd year they become voting members of the Board. Thank you Courtney for serving Idaho students well. Hailey Baisch (E-13), above right, began her shadowing year this summer. Hailey is excited about being the student voice for Idaho WWAMI within the IMA.

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TRUST Tribune: RUOP Summer in Hailey



Pictured left to right – Idaho TRUST Scholars, Tyler Wines (E-15), Joshua Reddish (E-16), and Dr. Frank Batcha

TRUST (Targeted Rural Underserved Track) provides WWAMI students with a continuous connection among underserved communities, medical education, and health professionals in Idaho. After a targeted TRUST admissions process, TRUST Scholars are linked with rural/underserved or small city TRUST continuity community sites for unique clinical experiences throughout all four years of medical school. Over the past several issues, readers have been following the story of one Idaho TRUST Scholar, Tyler Wines (E-15) from Gooding. Tyler's TRUST continuity community is Hailey, Idaho, where he is instructed by TRUST/WRITE site director, Dr. Frank Batcha (St. Luke's Family Medicine, Hailey), as well as other physicians in the Wood River Valley. This summer Tyler spent five weeks in Hailey during his Rural Underserved Opportunities Program (RUOP). RUOP takes place at the end of the Foundations Phase of medical education and provides an opportunity for students to get additional exposure to clinical experiences prior to beginning their clinical phase of education. Please enjoy Tyler's reflections about his experiences this summer below:

"I can't deny that I get a spark of excitement and a rekindling of energy whenever I get ready to return to my TRUST site in Hailey. I don't know if it is the chance to return to small-town Idaho, or to be in a clinical environment I get more excited about. Most likely, it is a combination of the two. I thoroughly enjoy the community and the interactions with our patients with every trip I take. What I enjoy most however, are the teaching moments and learning opportunities Dr. Batcha provides. My accountability for material has consistently grown with each visit. Previously, my time in Hailey was limited to various week long visits. With RUOP my time in Hailey was well over a month long. I was eager for the challenge to extend what we had been taught in the first year of our Foundations Phase and apply it to a clinical manner. Having covered a large portion of our foundation's education in the first year allowed me to work through cases and not strictly be a 'fly on the wall' when it came to patient interactions. However, through my interactions with Dr. Batcha and his patients I came to quickly realize that there are many pillars to the medical profession that can't be taught in the classroom. I left Moscow and my first year feeling more than confident that I would succeed in a clinical environment. What quickly followed was a lesson in humility. What can't be taught in a classroom are empathy, humility and compassion. These are values that cannot be taught in a classroom or through a book but must be experienced personally. I recognize that my RUOP experience was a lesson in humility and I am grateful for this. I came into it assuming the successes I had experienced in the classroom would resonate in the clinical setting. I have always talked and wrote about how physicians must be well rounded in their understanding of a patient's community, lifestyle and patient relationship to influence positive patient outcomes. It was only once Dr. Batcha introduced me to the intricacies of patient care, both through teaching and my personal experience, did I learn how difficult this standard of care was to achieve. Without this experience I am not sure I would have learned these valuable lessons until further in my education and for this I am truly grateful. I also had the opportunity to speak at the Idaho Medical Association House of Delegates meeting in Sun Valley, Idaho, this summer and share how my preceptor has had an extreme influence on my medical training. It isn't without the unrivaled dedication of our clinical faculty that WWAMI students would be able to gain these invaluable experiences. Our program would not be possible without the dedication to teaching and developing students that our preceptors have and continue to show. From the class of E-15, as well as other WWAMI classes, I would like to extend a huge thank you to our clinical faculty for making our clinical experiences truly educational and impactful." – Tyler Wines, Idaho TRUST Scholar

Pictured left to right - University of Utah, Idaho Medical Student, Matt Womeldorff (IMA Student Rep), University of Washington Idaho WWAMI students, Hailey Baisch (IMA Student Rep), Nick Tacke, and Tyler Wines. Tyler was able to attend the 124th IMA Annual Meeting & House of Delegates at the close of his RUOP experience in Hailey where he was selected to provide WWAMI student comments and thank the IMA HOD for their support of WWAMI.

