



Left, Dr. Mary Barinaga, Assistant Dean, Regional Affairs & Idaho Rural Family Physician, Dr. Joshua Kern from Jerome.

**2015-2016 Idaho Track Teacher of the Year Award Recipients**

Dr. Josh Kern of St. Luke's Jerome Family Medicine Clinic in Jerome, and WA WWAMI E-01, was awarded the 2015-2016 Idaho WWAMI Teacher of the Year Award which was presented at the annual Idaho Track Welcome in July, 2016. Dr. Kern teaches TRUST and WRITE students and is the Family Medicine Residency of Idaho's Rural Training Track Site Director for the Magic Valley.



**UWSOM Idaho Graduate, Dr. Lawrence Knight, awarded the Idaho WWAMI Alumni Award for Excellence in Mentoring, Teaching, Leadership and Patient Care**

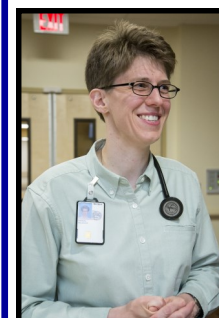
In February, 2016, the annual Idaho WWAMI Alumni Award for Excellence in Mentoring, Teaching, Leadership and Patient Care was presented to Dr. Larry Knight, a UWSOM entering class of 1954 medical student. Born in Ontario, Oregon Dr. Knight was raised on farms in Sandpoint and Aberdeen, Idaho. He completed his undergraduate education at University of Idaho, Moscow, before entering UWSOM in Seattle. Dr. Knight completed a general medicine internship in 1959 and his pathology residency education in 1962 and returned to Idaho in 1964. Dr. Knight worked as a pathologist for St. Luke's, Saint Alphonsus and Holy Rosary Hospital before joining the Boise VA Medical Center staff. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserve Medical Corps from 1960—1968. He and his wife Kaye have enjoyed over 60 years of marriage and live in Boise, Idaho.

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

Dr. Robert McFarland, pictured below, a Family Medicine physician and Idaho WWAMI E-73 from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho was named the 2016 Idaho Family Physician of the Year by IAFP in 2016. Dr. McFarland is a faculty physician at the Kootenai Health Family Medicine Coeur d'Alene Residency Program. To learn more about the Idaho Academy of Family Physicians, please visit: <http://idahofamilyphysicians.org/>



**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. The nominations are submitted by students, residents, and faculty in WWAMI. The award recognizes true enthusiasm and dedication in providing outstanding teaching and service to medical students.

Dr. Megan Dunay of the Boise VA Medical Center was also awarded the Idaho Track Teacher of the Year award during the 2015-2016 academic year. Dr. Dunay teaches 4th year students during their Chronic Care required clerkship and Aspects of Aging elective clerkships based at the Boise VA. The Boise VA is home to many UWSOM required and elective clerkships and is the home-base for two of Idaho's graduate medical education residency programs, UW Boise Internal Medicine Residency and UW Idaho Advanced Clinician Psychiatry Track.



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



Left; UWSOM Idaho WWAMI Student, Alan Potts, (-E13) presents award to Dr. M. Kim Lynch from Boise.

Dr. Maureen Kim Lynch of the Boise VA Medical Center and long time Idaho surgeon was the recipient of the first Idaho WWAMI Teacher Superior in Perpetuity Award. The 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. One student had this to say about Dr. Lynch, "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 has been a great resource and advocate even after completing my surgery rotation months ago."

# Idaho WWAMI

## MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

### 2016 Executive Summary



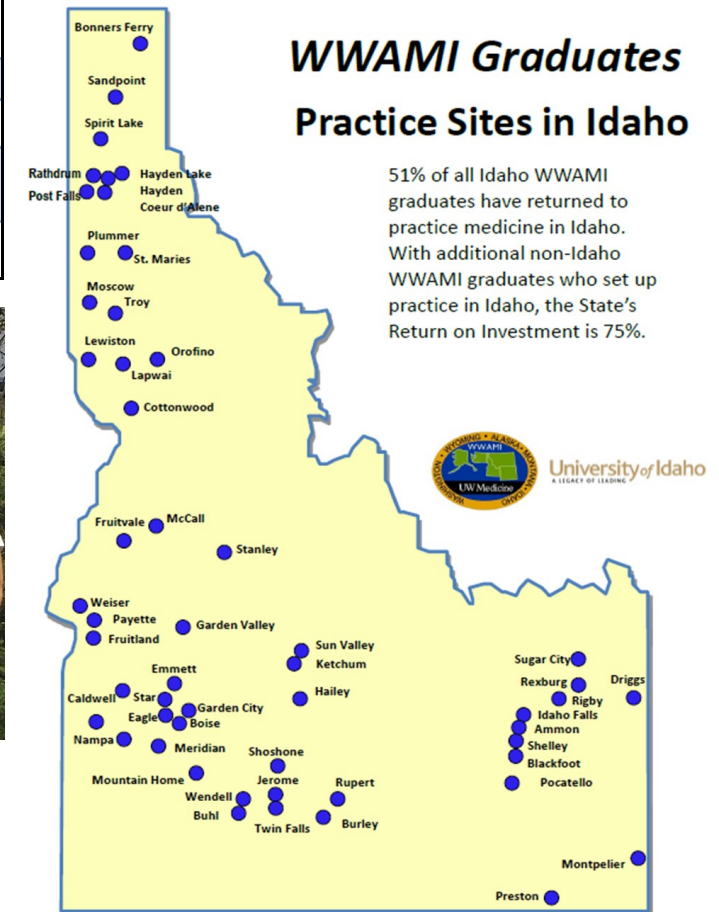
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A LEGACY OF LEADING

The WWAMI Program is a cooperative program of the University of Washington School of Medicine (UWSOM) and the states of Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho. The WWAMI program's purpose is to provide access to publicly-supported medical education across the five-state region. Idaho WWAMI maintains offices at the University of Idaho Moscow and Boise campuses. WWAMI students complete their first 18 months of medical training at the University of Idaho's Moscow campus during their Foundations Phase of education. After completing their Foundations Phase, students have the opportunity to complete the majority of their clinical training requirements within Idaho or anywhere in the five-state WWAMI region. Overall, a total of 105 students completed 153 required clerkships and 72 elective clerkships in Idaho. These clinical rotations are coordinated through the Idaho WWAMI office in Boise. Five students from each first-year class are accepted through a targeted admissions process for a rural/underserved workforce program known as TRUST (Targeted Rural Underserved Track), beginning with the entering 2016 class the program accepted six TRUST Scholars. The mission of the TRUST program is to provide a continuous connection between underserved Idaho communities, medical education, and health professionals with the goal of increasing the medical workforce in underserved Idaho communities. In addition to the required curriculum that all students complete, Idaho TRUST Scholars also participate in multiple clinical experiences at their TRUST sites. Idaho's TRUST communities include Hailey, Jerome, McCall, Nampa, Orofino and Sandpoint. During the 2016 admissions season, a total of 164 applications from Idaho residents were received. A total of 78 were interviewed in Boise, of those interviewed 40 were admitted. The Idaho Admissions Committee, made up of practicing physicians from Idaho, conducted interviews in January and February in Boise. In 2016, the Idaho Legislature approved class expansion and the entering 2016 class was increased to forty students with six of those being TRUST Scholars. These students came from the following Idaho communities: Blackfoot, Boise, Caldwell, Coeur d'Alene, Cottonwood, Eagle, Emmett, Hailey, Idaho Falls, Ketchum, Kuna, Meridian, Middleton, Moscow, Mountain Home, Nampa, Pocatello, Post Falls, Rexburg, Rupert, Salmon, and Sandpoint. The average undergraduate GPA for the enrolled 2016 Idaho students is 3.67. WWAMI students may apply to residency programs across the country, including three family medicine residencies, an internal medicine residency, and a psychiatry residency in Idaho. The Idaho WWAMI medical education program is committed to helping prepare physicians for primary care and regional practice, and to increasing the number of physicians who choose to practice in rural or underserved areas.

Number of Idaho WWAMI graduates in practice	586
Idaho WWAMI graduates who have practiced in Idaho	296
Idaho WWAMI Return Rate	51%
Total WWAMI graduates (Idaho and other WWAMI states) who practice in Idaho	440
Total WWAMI Return On Investment (ROI) for Idaho	75%



E-16 Idaho WWAMI TRUST Scholars—Top row, left to right, Matthew Ward (hometown, Mountain Home); Joshua Reddish (hometown, Pocatello); Brandon Comish (hometown, Pocatello) and bottom row, left to right, Meaghan Bruner, (hometown, Cottonwood); Emily Dickerson (hometown, Nampa); Melissa Liner (hometown, Salmon)



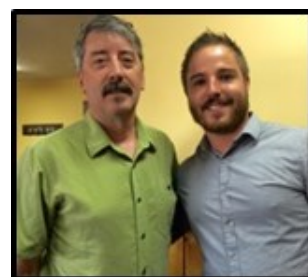
## Idaho WWAMI Medical Education Program

### RUOP Thanks Idaho Physicians & Communities (Rural Underserved Opportunities Program)

The Rural Underserved Opportunities Program (RUOP) is a month-long elective experience for students between their first and second years of medical school. Students have a wide variety of clinical and community experiences working side-by-side with physician preceptors. In addition to patient care, students also complete a community project. Twenty-four physicians in seventeen Idaho communities provided this rural primary care clinical experience for twenty-two WWAMI students in Idaho during the summer of 2016. WWAMI thanks the many physician preceptors and communities in Idaho who hosted UW students over the summer, and appreciates their service and dedication.

COMMUNITY & PHYSICIAN	PROJECT TITLE
Lewiston, Dr. Glenn Jefferson, Dr. Cheryl Mallory and, Dr. Inski Howard Yu	Crisis Center: A Solution To Mental Health Resource Scarcity In Lewiston, Idaho
Jerome, Dr. Josh Kern	Increasing Post-Secondary Education Levels In Jerome, Idaho
Montpelier, Dr. Lance Hansen	Suicide Prevention For Adult Males In Bear Lake County, Idaho
Moscow, Dr. Jennifer Brentwood	Happy Moms, Happy Kids: Using Social Support Groups To Prevent Postpartum Depression In Transient Populations In Rural Communities
Grangeville, Dr. Tema Jessup	Means Matter: Lethal Means Counseling for Suicide Prevention
Sandpoint, Dr. Tim Bonine	Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention Training In Sandpoint, Idaho
Orofino, Dr. Rebecca Katzman	Smoking Cessation During Pregnancy By Promoting Use Of The National Quitline
Weiser, Dr. Lore Wootton	Less Sugar, More Water: Decreasing The Intake Of Sugar Sweetened Beverages In The Youth Of Weiser, ID
Moscow, Dr. Kraig White	Rural Healthcare Transportation
Weiser, Dr. Suzanna Hubele	Educating Teen Drivers On The Hazards Of Rural Roads In Weiser, Idaho
McCall, Dr. Maureen Ferguson	McCall Elementary Bike Rodeo Day
Montpelier, Dr. Clay Campbell	Make A Splash
Caldwell, Dr. Katherine Ball	Hoops For Health: Health Education Through Basketball
Nampa, Dr. Jonathan Bowman	Wellness In Canyon County, Idaho
Twin Falls, Dr. David McClusky	Promoting Refugee Access To Health Care At The Wellness Tree Community Clinic In The Twin Falls Area
Shoshone, Dr. Keith Davis	Reach Out And Read: Promoting Early Literacy
Boise, Dr. A. Patrice Burgess	Urban Gardens: Addressing Nutrition In Boise, Idaho
Cottonwood, Dr. Jack Secrest	Cottonwood Childhood Nutrition Education Program
Mountain Home, Dr. Tim Bringer	Youth Athletic Concussion Awareness In Mountain Home, Idaho
Sandpoint, Dr. Scott Dunn	Decreasing Opioid Abuse Through Community Leadership In North Idaho
Hailey, Dr. Frank Batcha	Increasing Neurocognitive Baseline Concussion Testing Within Rural High Schools In The Wood River Valley

*“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...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.”*



*“...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.”*



## Idaho WWAMI Medical Education Program

### 2016 Idaho WWAMI Graduating Physicians

In May 2016, seventeen Idaho WWAMI medical students graduated from the University of Washington School of Medicine. Not all students graduate in four years; some students elect to expand their medical education to complete research, a second degree, or attend to personal demands postponing their graduation. Graduating students proceed into the residency phase of their training, which ranges from three additional years (family medicine, general internal medicine and pediatrics) up to seven years for other specialties. Our 2016 graduates and their specialty choices are included in the table below.

Hometown	Chosen Specialty	Residency Program
Burley	Emergency Medicine	UC San Diego Medical Center
Post Falls	Emergency Medicine	University of Connecticut School of Medicine
Post Falls	Family Medicine	University of Utah Affiliated Hospitals,
Athol	Internal Medicine	Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center
Pocatello	General Surgery	Virginia Commonwealth University Health System
Boise	Emergency Medicine	Maricopa Medical Center,
Pocatello	Obstetrics and Gynecology	University of Colorado School of Medicine
Grangeville	Pediatrics	University of Utah Affiliated Hospitals
Pocatello	Internal Medicine	University of Washington Affiliated Hospitals
Ammon	Otolaryngology	Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education
Buhl	Anesthesiology	UC Davis Medical Center
Boise	Pediatrics	University of Washington Affiliated Hospitals
Burley	Otolaryngology	University of Rochester-Strong Memorial Hospital
Post Falls	Family Medicine	Tacoma Family Medicine
Burley	Family Medicine	Family Medicine Residency of Idaho
Sandpoint	Orthopaedic Surgery	University of North Carolina Hospitals
Pocatello	Orthopaedic Surgery	Duke University Medical Center

### Idaho Residency Programs

#### Family Medicine Residency of Idaho (FMRI)

<http://www.fmidaho.org>

#### ISU Family Medicine Residency

<http://www.fmed.isu.edu>

#### Kootenai Clinic Family Medicine Coeur d'Alene Residency

<http://kh.org>

#### Idaho/UW Advanced Clinical Psychiatry Track

<http://advancedclinicianpsychiatry.info>

#### Boise UW Internal Medicine Residency

<http://boiseinternalmedicine.com>

### Idaho Rural Physician Incentive Program (IRPIP)

In 2003, the Idaho Legislature created the Idaho Rural Physician Incentive Program (RPIP) to encourage primary care physicians to practice in medically underserved areas of the state. The law established the Rural Physician Incentive Fund, which is funded by fees assessed to all Idaho students participating in the WWAMI and University of Utah state-supported medical education programs. The fee is equal to 4% of the average annual medical education support fee by the State on behalf of each student. Eligible physicians can apply to receive an RPIP award for qualified medical education debt repayment in partnership with their sponsoring community. RPIP recipients have practiced in the following Idaho communities: American Falls, Ammon, Blackfoot, Boise, Caldwell, Coeur d'Alene, Cottonwood, Emmett, Fruitland, Grangeville, Jerome, McCall, Montpelier, Moscow, Nampa, Pocatello, Preston, Rexburg, St. Anthony, and St. Maries. In 2016, eight Idaho physicians were selected to receive a loan repayment through this program based upon need, community support, and program qualifications. More information about IRPIP can be found at the following link:

<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Health/RuralHealthandPrimaryCare/HealthCareAccessPhysicianIncentiveProgram/tabid/409/Default.aspx>

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#### UWSOM Idaho - WWAMI

Graduating Class of 2016 at Hooding Ceremony

Seattle, WA—May 27, 2016



### Biomedical Research

WWAMI-affiliated faculty at UI successfully brought in \$4.4M of research funding into Idaho from agencies such as the National Institute of Health (NIH) and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). WWAMI has a long standing relationship with the Idaho INBRE (IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence), where each year our medical students apply for summer research fellowships. INBRE recently received a \$16.3 million renewal grant from NIH.