# Wyoming WWAMI

Volume I

## News from Clinical Dean



### *Robert Monger, MD*

Hello and welcome to the inaugural Wyoming WWAMI newsletter!

For those of you who don't know me, I am a rheumatologist in Cheyenne and the new Clinical Dean for the Wyoming WWAMI program, taking over from Larry Kirven, MD who retired last fall. This is our first attempt at a newsletter, and we hope to start publishing newsletters on a regular basis going forward.

The big news in Wyoming WWAMI is that Brant Schumaker, DVM, PhD will be starting as the new Foundations Director in Laramie on July 1, attached is a press release about him. He will be taking over from Tim Robinson, PhD., who will be returning to his previous life as a statistics professor at UW and is going to remain nearby on campus in Laramie.

Another change is that Karissa Viergets is the new Wyoming Health Resources Network (WHRN) Director taking over for Eileen Dineen who retired last year. Also, Betsy Spomer, MD, a family medicine physician in Powell Wyoming has taken a new part-time role with WWAMI called the STERN educator and she will be working with me on faculty development around the state.

Despite these changes the Wyoming WWAMI program continues to be remarkably successful. The Wyoming medical students who graduated this spring did extremely well in the residency match and with this email we are including the list of prestigious programs that they matched into. Our student return rate to Wyoming also continues to be outstanding at about 66%.

Additionally, we continue to attract amazing premed applicants to the program and as you can see from the E-20 class roster the Wyoming WWAMI students come from all over our state.

The University of Washington School of Medicine was named the #1 medical school in the United States for 2021 and we recently ran newspaper ads (a copy is attached with this newsletter) in Casper, Cheyenne and Laramie to celebrate our #1 ranking.

One other item to mention is that 2022 will be the 25th anniversary of the Wyoming WWAMI program, and assuming that we will be able to meet in person we are in the early stages of planning celebrations and alumni reunions around the state, including an event in Laramie in the fall of 2022. Keep an eye out for more to come over this next year as our planning progresses.

Despite all of the of personnel changes in the program this past year, I am very thankful to be able to work with Deb Dolph who has been the administrator in the Cheyenne office for more than 15 years. Deb is organizing the email list for our newsletter and if you have any changes please contact her.

Thank you for your continued support of the Wyoming WWAMI program! We absolutely would not have such an amazingly successful program without the help of so many dedicated people.

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# Introducing our Wyoming Class of 2020

## E-2020 WWAMI Medical Education

## University of Wyoming


Cody Abbott
Thermopolis


Drew Adriaens
Sheridan


Bret Andrew
Casper


Luiza Bosch
Pinedale


Cade Budak
Moran


Austin Ellis
Byron


Maison Furley
Sheridan


Blake Hopkin
Powell


Holly Huber
Green River


Madeleine Isler
Laramie


Joseph Keating
Casper


Sierra Levene
Laramie


Audrey Lucas
Wheatland


Jackson McCue
Cheyenne


Rikki Nelson
Cheyenne


Grace Nicholas
Cody


Dane Patey
Casper


Ariel Rap
Gillette


Bryce Snow
Cheyenne


Taylor Thompson
Cody







Unmasked photos were taken before COVID-19

# The nation's #1 medical school is in Wyoming.

U.S. News & World Report has ranked the
**University of Washington School of Medicine**
**#1 in the U.S. for Primary Care Education**.

Thank you to the University of Wyoming,
the community, our healthcare partners,
and the many physicians and residents throughout
Wyoming WWAMI who helped us achieve this honor.

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# New Director of Wyoming-WWAMI Medical Education Program Named at UW



Following a national search, Dr. Brant Schumaker, an associate professor with the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory, has been selected as the new director of the Wyoming-WWAMI Medical Education Program at the University of Wyoming.

Schumaker replaces Tim Robinson, PhD, who has served in the director's role since 2013.

"I am grateful to Tim Robinson for his excellent leadership of the WWAMI program and for the collaborative spirit he brought to the College of Health Sciences," UW College of Health Sciences Dean David Jones says. "He has made a significant impact during his time as WWAMI director."

WWAMI is a medical school consortium program delivered by the University of Washington School of Medicine involving the states of Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho. WWAMI students spend their first two years on their home campuses and the rest of their time at the University of Washington and at clinical sites around the Mountain West Region.

Schumaker received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree (2005) and his Ph.D. in epidemiology (2010), both from University of California-Davis. With his new role in WWAMI, he will assume an academic appointment in the Division of Kinesiology and Health in the College of Health Sciences. Schumaker will begin his new role as WWAMI director July 1.

"I'm thrilled to be working with the No. 1 medical school for primary care in the country right here at the University of Wyoming," Schumaker says. "I can't wait to help support talented faculty and staff in delivering the best possible medical education to our amazing Wyoming students."

Schumaker spent his career in veterinary medicine focusing on "One Health" approaches to mitigate the impact of infectious diseases.

"In the era of COVID-19, the interconnections between humans, animals and environmental health have become even more apparent," Schumaker says. "I want to help educate a medical workforce that can appreciate One Health and be prepared to lead their communities with these principles in mind."

"We are very excited to have Brant take over the reins in WWAMI," Jones says. "He was a key contributor to UW's COVID surveillance testing and COVID vaccination programs. His background in human-interface disease and his advocacy of the One Health approach to global health issues will be great assets to the WWAMI program, UW and the state."

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# 2021 WWAMI Graduates ~ Residency Match

| NAME | Specialty | Location | Hometown |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lingga Adidharma, MD | Otolaryngology | Seattle, WA | Laramie |
| Madeleine Birch, MD | Emergency Medicine | Loma Linda, CA | Cody |
| Dillon Brown, MD | Interventional Radiology | Jacksonville, FL | Cheyenne |
| Tappy Gish, MD | Pathology | Charlottesville, VA | Laramie |
| Heidi Hanekamp, MD | Family Medicine | Grand Junction, CO | Laramie |
| Cody Hansen, MD | Ophthalmology | Dallas, TX | Rock Springs |
| Joshua Henry, MD | Emergency Medicine | Omaha, NE | Laramie |
| Austin Lever, MD | Otolaryngology | Dallas, TX | Rock Springs |
| Sarah Maze, MD | Family Medicine | Boise, ID | Ranchester |
| Trevor Mordhorst, MD | Transitional Year | Spokane, WA | Cheyenne |
| Spencer Pecha, MD | Anesthesiology | Seattle, WA | Gillette |
| Jordan Reed, MD | Internal Medicine | Billings, MT | Gillette |
| Aaron Robertson, MD | Otolaryngology | Madison, WI | Douglas |
| Michael Robison, MD | Internal Medicine | Albuquerque, NM | Green River |
| Olivia Rogers, MD | Internal Medicine | Phoenix, AZ | Powell |
| Giandor Saltz, MD | Neurology | Augusta, GA | Powell |
| Jackson Schmidt, MD | Urology | Portland, OR | Cody |
| Ethan Slight, MD | Internal Medicine | Boise, ID | Cody |
| Mason Stillman, MD | Psychiatry | Lebanon, NH | Gillette |
| Kelsey Tuttle, MD | Psychiatry | Salt Lake City, UT | Rock Springs |
| Sabrina Wilcox, MD | IM/Pediatrics | Ann Arbor, MI | Cheyenne |
| Peter Wilcox, MD | Internal Medicine | Ann Arbor, MI | Riverton |


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