Greetings from Martin Teintze, Ph.D., Director

We are now in the 46th year of your new curriculum, which has the students spending the first 18 months in Bozeman for the Foundations Phase. Twelve of our E17 students have started a longitudinal integrated clerkship at one of 31 WHITE sites across the state, while most of the others are choosing to do the majority of their Patient Care Phase clerkships in the Billings, Bozeman, or Missoula Track. In our 46th year, the WWAMI program has truly become a Montana-centered educational experience. This was reflected in our first ever Bozeman Match Day celebration in March (see picture below), when 18 students were able to open their envelopes and celebrate matching into a residency in their chosen specialty. The UWSoM Alumni Foundation recently received a bequest of over $180,000 from the estate of a Bozeman match day celebration in March (see picture below), when 18 students were able to open their envelopes and celebrate matching into a residency in their chosen specialty. The UWSoM Alumni Foundation recently received a bequest of over $180,000 from the estate of a Montana WWAMI alumnus from Whitefish. He attended UW before WAMI began, but he chose to endow scholarships with a preference for students over Montana currently looking for physicians. For more information, please contact Lisa Benzel, MT WWAMI Trust Director. Email: lisanbenz@uw.edu. Phone: 488-660-2046.

Faculty Recognition & Student Awards

We recognize that many of you have been generous in supporting our programs in the past, including our most needy students. The UWSoM Alumni Foundation is critical to allow us to continue many of the activities highlighted in this newsletter, providing a much richer experience for the students during their medical school years. The Teaching Equipment Fund is used to provide up-to-date equipment for our students. Contributions can be designated for awards and recognition of students and faculty. The George Saat award honors a former mentor and leader in medical education, humanism and professionalism.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

If you are missing out on practicing in our beautiful state, there are many town large and small all over Montana currently looking for physicians. For more information, please contact Lisa Benzel, MT WWAMI Trust Director. Email: lisanbenz@uw.edu. Phone: 488-660-2046.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Medical schools are teaching culinary medicine—we are now among them! Culinary Medicine at Montana WWAMI. Seventeen US medical schools are teaching culinary medicine. The UWSoM curriculum committee is looking at ways to add nutrition competencies throughout medical school. Contact Colette Kirchhoff, M.D., if you have questions, would like to join our Culinary Medicine Curriculum Advisory Board, or donate to the continued success of the program. Montana WWAMI and the MSU Dietetics Department presented our program in Bozeman for the Foundations Phase, comprised of integrated science block and pro clerkship clinical education.

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Contribution: E18 student, Carolyn Wilson.

Foot Care Clinic

The MT WWAMI Foot Care Clinic is a student-run health screening clinic that happens at the Wellness Center, Joanna Sharples, MS2. The clinic opens from 8am – 10am every other Wednesday. The clinic provides free diabetic, peripheral vascular disease, and fungal screening. It is open to patients with diabetes mellitus type 1 and type 2, and patients with peripheral vascular disease. The clinic is staffed by medical students and residents.

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Transition To Patient

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Staff Recognition

Carla Guest, our Montana WWAMI Program Director, and Sam Forrest, our Program Advisor, presented the Staff Recognition Awards.

Staff Recognition: Dr. Guest presented Staff Recognition Award to E18 student, Samantha Moedl

Western Student and Resident Medical Research Forum (WSRMF)

Five of the E17 MT WWAMI students were selected to present at WSRMF in October 2018, in Carmel, California. In January 2019, this opportunity allows medical students to present their research at a regional conference and connect with fellow students, residents, and faculty from other medical schools. The selected students and names of their projects are included below.

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The E3 White Coat Ceremony on August 31, 2018 marked the entrance of our first-year class. Following Instructions and Orientation.

Picture: All E17 MT WWAMI students at White Coat Ceremony (left to right) Richard Balchak, Ian Werner, Cassie Cusick, Kate Holbeck, Alex George