Greetings from Martin Teintze, Ph.D., Director

Last year in March, the pandemic had forced us to move all teaching online for the rest of the semester and suspend clinical activities for our students. The graduating class of 2020 had to have a virtual ceremony in May. In July, clerkships were restarted with an abbreviated schedule; rotations that had normally been 6 weeks long were shortened to 4.

In the fall, we cautiously resumed in-person classes and labs, as well as hospital tutorials, while wearing PPE and maintaining 6ft distancing. In January, our admissions interviews were held online; we were able to get almost all of our current students and faculty vaccinated, but we are continuing masking and social distancing precautions now returning to the normal 6-week schedule. We are hoping that by Summer 2021 WWAMI will be back to normal, even if the rest of our lives are not. As we write this, both Billings and Great Falls have just passed 25% vaccinations but very few of our communities. When all those additional students will find clerkships in the future, or residency opportunities when they graduate, is anybody’s guess.

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The Planetary Health Report Card is a student-driven, marks-based initiative to inspire planetary health and sustainable healthcare engagement in medical schools. In addition to inspiring expansion of medical school curricula, we hope to inspire medical schools to expand research efforts, engage with communities most affected by climate change and environmental injustices, support passionate medical students who are trying to organize around planetary health at the institutional level, and implement sustainable practices. This initiative was started in 2019 by medical students at University of San Francisco and has now expanded to include over 60 medical schools around the world. The 2020-2021 academic year is the first year University of Washington participated in the Planetary Health Report Card, with 8 students contributing from all over the WWAMI region. We look forward to growing the group in the future and improving opportunities in medical school to learn about, and engage with, climate change.

Summer Lawson, E20 MT WWAMI Student

Excellence in Teaching Award
Nicole Motzino, M.D., Ph.D. Instructors & Defenders Block Director Blood & Cancer Block Director; Pathology & Radiology Director
"Excellence in teaching is the definition of Dr. Motzino. Her passionate enthusiasm, encouragement, and unparalleled gift for teaching are evident in every lecture she presents. Dr. Motzino’s dedication to the success of her students is reflected by her extended office hours, constant review sessions, phenomenal lecturers, and constant willingness to meet with students about particularly difficult topics. It is obvious that Dr. Motzino takes our success both inside and outside of the classroom personally." - Jovina Gagen, E19

2020 Newly Elected Alpha Omega Alpha (A1A) Society Members
Students were selected using a process that incorporates clerkship grades, a formal experiences statement, feedback from peers, college mentors, and clerkship directors; in addition to information about their service and scholarly efforts. The top 25% of the class eligible to be considered for AOA.
• Ian McCracken
• Jenifer Ellen
• Sara Francis
• Katie Kent
• Samantha Wagner
• Tanner Mugge

MT WWAMI Poster Session
The virtual E19 Poster Session on November 10, 2020 gave students an opportunity to present their research in the Western Student and Resident Medical Research Forum, as well as connect with fellow students, residents, and faculty from other medical schools. The goal of the presentation was "To enhance training in improving healthcare access for Senior Living Community Residents in Lewistown, MT."

Pictured: Dr. Katz and her E20 college morning group with masks and gogles headed out into Bozeman Health.

Neighborhood Health Initiative hosts Mardi Brashs
The Neighborhood Health Initiative group organized a drive to collect bras, underwear, and monotored products for local homeless and women’s shelters. The group received a grant for $500, partnered with an official sponsor, received over 2580 bras, donated 115 books, and collected over 13,000 dollars in donations, of which there was a generous donor who paid for the graphic design of our custom flyer (printed at right), a $150 gift card donation, and the payment of menstrual product donations from multiple local clinics.

Casting and Spelling Workshop
Bozeman’s Family Medicine Interest Group hosted their annual casting workshop, in which WWAMI students learned and practiced how to cast upper extremities.