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Southwest Idaho Area Health Education Center's 2023-2025 Scholar Cohort

SW ID AHEC is thrilled to announce the impending graduation of health profession students from the Idaho AHEC Scholars program. This nationally recognized initiative equips a diverse group of health profession students with 80 hours of interdisciplinary didactic training, covering interprofessional education, behavioral health integration, social determinants of health, cultural competency, practice transformation, and current/emerging health issues. Additionally, scholars have devoted 80 hours to hands-on experiences in rural and underserved communities, fostering an interdisciplinary approach.

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Shannon Baptist

Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine | Osteopathy, Doctor

I grew up in a Kiwi household in San Diego, CA. My mum is from New Zealand and we spent a lot of my childhood exploring the outdoors and volunteering in our community. My favorite outdoor activities are: volunteering with adaptive sports, surfing, mountain biking, hiking with my Goldendoodle, and skiing. During college, I traveled to Lima, Peru where I volunteered with a mobile medical clinic who provided medical, dental, and basic sanitation services to impoverished towns. During this trip, my eyes were opened to serving others in healthcare and my desire to pursue a career in medicine emerged.

I want to work in rural or underserved communities because I was raised in a community that encouraged lending a helping hand to all of our neighbors, especially those who need it most.

Micah Brandt

Idaho State University | Physician Assistant, Masters

I was born in Gillette, Wyoming and then moved to Oregon which is where I mainly grew up. I am graduating from Idaho state University's PA program in 2025. I would love to work at the VA someday as I am a veteran and would like the opportunity to serve other veterans as a provider. I am all about the outdoors and there's not much I don't enjoy doing outside, but my true passions are archery hunting and steelhead fishing.

I want to work in a rural area because I want to be a meaningful part of small community and provide a needed service to people who I can build relationships with over time.

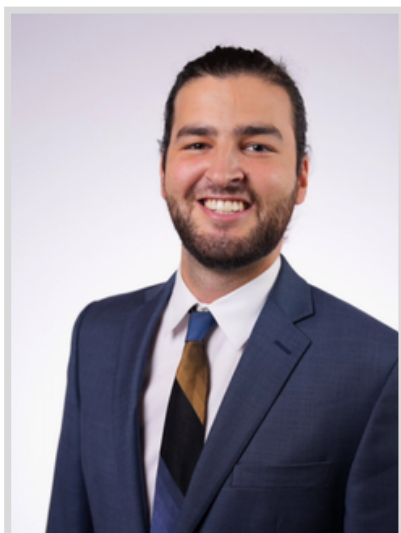


Holly Burrell

Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine | Osteopathy, Doctor

I spent my childhood in Southern California, but moved to Idaho when I was 18 and have loved it ever since! I am graduating from Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine DO program in May 2025. I plan to practice family medicine and obstetrics in Idaho or the surrounding areas. I love spending time in the outdoors and enjoying all the beauty that Idaho has to offer.

I want to work in a rural community because feel most at home in the rural setting. I love being involved in the community and serving those who need it most.



Conner Charles

Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine | Osteopathy, Doctor

I was born in McCall, Idaho and graduated high school in Boise, Idaho. I went to the University of Utah for my undergraduate degree and am currently going to Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine to become a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. Ideally, I would like to serve the Idaho community that I grew up in. When outside of school, I like to camp, hike, fish, and watch/play sports.

I want to work in a rural and underserved community because I grew up in those communities all my life and have seen the impact that I could have.

Nick Davis

Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine | Osteopathy, Doctor

I was born and raised in the small agricultural town of Jerome, Idaho where I grew up playing sports and exploring the great outdoors. I am leaning towards specializing in sports medicine and practicing in Idaho with the intent of eventually becoming a preceptor for incoming medical students like myself. Some of my hobbies include weightlifting, gaming, gardening, reading, cooking, and coaching baseball.

I want to work in a rural community because rural towns often embody a special sense of coziness, simplicity, and peacefulness that is attractive to me. I have often found that my thoughts are clearer and fluid when there is less commotion, and I feel that my impact is greatest amongst these communities that need it most.



John Edge

Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine | Osteopathy, Doctor

I was born and raised in Layton, Utah. I will be graduating from the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine program at the Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine. Ultimately, I would like to be an oncologist. My hobbies include listening to music, comedies, and spending time with my family.

I want to work in an underserved community because I would like to help overcome the disparities in healthcare among those communities.



Aidan FitzGerald

Idaho State University | Physician Assistant, Masters

I was born and raised in Helena, Montana and am graduating from ISU Physician assistant program in 2025. My long-term goals are to provide healthcare to rural communities in Montana. I enjoy backpacking, kite skiing, and motorcycling.

I want to work in a rural or underserved community because I love the rural lifestyle and want to provide for those that have limited access to healthcare.

Brienna Gisseman

Idaho State University | Physician Assistant, Masters

I was born in Alaska and raised in Georgia and Virginia. I am part of the ISU MPAS Class of 2025. I plan to work in rural family medicine upon graduation. I played lacrosse in college and enjoy any form of physical activity in my free time.

I want to work in a rural community because I have the ability to fill a need in my community.



Eric Hanzel

Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine | Osteopathy, Doctor

I was born and raised in the state of Nebraska. I will be graduating in 2027 with my Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine. After graduation, I hope to return to the midwest and provide wholistic, lifestyle-based approaches to patient care as a family medicine practitioner. I also plan to continue doing international medical service trips to various rural communities in need. Outside of school I love any fitness related activity including recreational sports, hiking, and most recently, marathon training. I also consider myself a "foodie" and love trying new restaurants or preparing new dishes.

I want to work in a rural community because I want to give back to the communities I was raised up in and bring wholistic, lifestyle-based interventions into rural patient care.



Lauren Hutchinson

Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine | Osteopathy, Doctor

I was born and raised in San Jose, CA. My educational background includes a Bachelor's in Forensic Biology and Master's in Biotechnology. Although I do not yet know what specialty I want to pursue, I know my focus will be in rural medicine. In my free time, I love spending time outdoors with my two dogs and reading.

I want to work in a rural or underserved community because I want to increase the quality of life for individuals in these areas and improve their access to healthcare.

Benjamin McEnulty

Idaho State University | Physician Assistant, Masters

I was born and raised in Bakersfield, CA. and will be graduating from Idaho State University with a Masters in Physician Assistant Studies. I program mobile apps as a hobby when I get the inspiration. I would like to develop an app some day that is useful to others in the medical field. I am interested in strength training and bodybuilding and spend most mornings in a gym.

I want to work in a rural community because they are the backbone of our nation and are often neglected. We all depend on these communities, and they deserve our support.



Emily Oe

Idaho State University | Physician Assistant, Masters

I was born and raised in Idaho Falls, ID. I am graduating from the ISU Physician Assistants Program. My long-term goal is to practice as a PA in a hospice or palliative care setting. Along with my love for plants, puzzles, and reading, I'm most happy when I'm sharing my experiences with Fynn, my mini Aussie!

I want to work in a rural or underserved community because every individual deserves the right to accessible, reliable, and patient-centered care.



Cherlindrea Overstreet

Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine | Osteopathy, Doctor

I was born in California, but raised in Emmett, then Boise, Idaho. I plan to specialize in Family Medicine and Psychiatry. I would also love to work in the ER a couple times a month as well. I am trained as a 200ryt yoga instructor, as this is one of my hobbies, along with forest hiking, archery and gardening, especially medicinal plants and flowers.

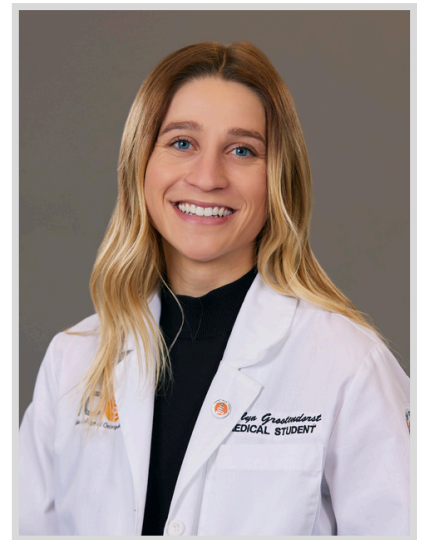
I want to work in a rural underserved community because I know I can make an impact having grown up in and understanding such a community.

Katlyn Perkins

Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine | Osteopathy, Doctor

I was born and raised in Fresno, California and moved to Idaho in 2021. After my first semester of medical school, I discovered my love for preventative medicine. I got the opportunity to create a Lifestyle Medicine Interest Group as well as join ICOM's first ever Culinary Medicine Elective. I am excited to continue to develop skills in this field and eventually take those skills into practice as a primary care provider - ideally in a rural setting! In my spare time, I enjoy playing intramural volleyball with my peers and going on hikes/ runs with my husband and our silver Labrador. I also have a knack for making baked goods in order to brighten someone's day with a treat.

I want to work in a rural community because I want to be connected to my community.



Sarah Reineke

Idaho State University | Physician Assistant, Masters

I was born in Merced, California, but grew up in Buhl, Idaho. I will be graduating from Idaho State's Master of Physician Assistant Studies Program in August 2025. I would like to stay in rural Idaho and begin my career as a PA in family medicine. I will also be certified as a Lifestyle Medicine Professional by the end of my tenure at ISU, and I am excited to bring a combination of Western and traditional medicine into my practice. On the evenings and weekends, you can find me reading a book in a coffee shop or getting ice cream with friends.

I want to work in a rural community because I have seen firsthand the impact of lack of healthcare in those communities.

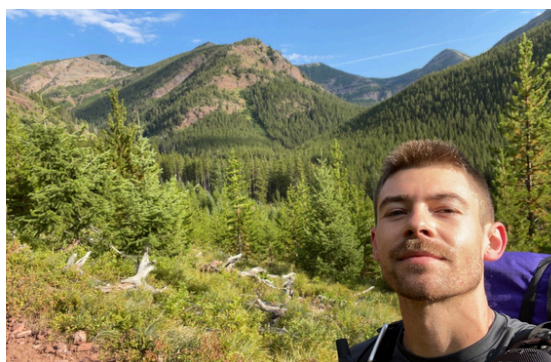


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The Southwest Idaho Area Health Education Center (SW ID AHEC), has been enhancing Idaho's healthcare workforce and community health in rural and underserved areas by partnering with educational institutions and state, regional, and national primary care proponents for over 37 years. AHEC Scholars are tomorrow's healthcare champions for rural and underserved communities. Congratulations and thank you for your continued hard work and dedication in such challenging times. We know you are prepared to shine in today's team-based healthcare environment and we look forward to following along as each of you transition to your careers!



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