



Regional Health Partnership

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

This year, we celebrate the fourth anniversary of our partnership to improve the health and well-being of people in Eastern Washington and across the region.

In that time, the UW School of Medicine has welcomed 240 medical students to study on the Gonzaga campus during their Foundations training. This spring, the first students to complete all four years of medical school on the Gonzaga campus will graduate and join the hundreds of physicians who studied in Spokane and Eastern Washington. Many of these new alumni will become practitioners in Eastern Washington, adding to the ranks of over 500 graduates working in communities throughout the region.

We continue to enhance the highly rated medical education provided to our students, including through [a new center](#) for medical education, health sciences and innovation that will break ground later this year, and through a new opportunity for our medical students to further develop their leadership skills.

We are energized by the progress we've made together, which you can read about in our latest [Report to the Community](#), and which appeared in the February 15 edition of the Spokane Journal of Business. Your support has an impact beyond our universities, creating a strong, lasting foundation for health care that serves communities in our region. Thank you for your commitment to improving the health and well-being of everyone who calls our region home.

Sincerely,

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President
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President
Gonzaga University

PARTNERS in MEDICAL EDUCATION

A REPORT
TO THE
COMMUNITY

The Albany of Spokane Community Foundation, Regional Health Partnership.

A UNIFIED VISION – A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR HEALTH EDUCATION IN SPOKANE



When Jim Wohlwend said, "We'd be wise to always pursue more in community learning what it really means,"

What the Spokane community cares about is reflected in those words, and it's now an outcome of a strategic, thoughtful and focused effort across the education, research, medical, and health care community. The vision of the Foundation partners became a "Spokane above boundaries and differences, gear together to create a collaborative, healthy and positive region."

The University of Washington School of Medicine and Spokane Community Foundation have joined forces to build UWSOM, with another partner in this endeavor, MHS, Inc., and utilize the new Health Education Campus designed by Benthall Associates in a new 100,000 square foot health sciences building to enhance the local provision of health-care practitioners for our region.

Read more about this exciting new project on the UWSOM Institute of Northwest Biomedicine, University Regional Health Partnership on the next page of this report.

500+ new business leaders
in the community participating
in community leadership initiatives

1,100 number of private individuals
that are part of the Spokane County
Champions

150 first year medical students in
Washington State (2017) in Health All
In Spokane, a local field-based program
which includes an average height of
300 feet above sea level.

850+ medical faculty members
located throughout the state that are
caring individuals in hospitals, and can be
true managers of modern and efficient

84 regular and active members
who attend training events or volunteer
activities for three consecutive years
and receive a certificate.

100% of the 40,000+ students
attending to the School of Medicine at
Washington selected Spokane as their
top choice.



spokane.com. They will join the Spokane
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And, of course, the Spokane partners
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research needs in a new millennium. When
compared to 1997, it will reduce our
ability to educate the health professionals
our region needs.

What you are about to read is the take
the next step toward the possible without
the greater Spokane community – The
philanthropy and leadership leaders, in particular,
are helping to facilitate the

continued success. This community
leader, not only living in our region, is
community giving, and we, as members
and the members like selfless for your
own growth, the other aspects:

Thank you,

Jim Wohlwend, President

Community Foundation of Spokane

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

The year was full of achievement
by our foundation, Spokane, and with
the support of our membership, the
best year ever. From the formation
of medical school programs and our
first joint health fair, to the accomplish-
ment of a new revenue stream, medical services,
every day we are adding to the tools
we have to help and heal those across
the region.

In the last year of our partnership, we've
achieved many milestones, and our
newer chapter of our story began as
they took their first steps – a reflection of
how bold our members are as we
continued to explore and end the quality of
life they live here.

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the horizon, along with great new

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[Read the 2020 Report to the Community](#)



April event will focus on coronavirus, other emerging viruses

With the novel coronavirus a topic of international concern, an upcoming Next Generation Medicine Lecture will feature an expert on this and other infectious diseases, John B. Lynch, M.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Lynch is an associate professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Allergy & Infectious Diseases at Harborview Medical Center. He is one of the UW's chief experts on infectious diseases, including COVID-19, the 2019 coronavirus disease, and will discuss what you need to know about this and other emerging viruses.

The lecture will take place Tuesday, April 14, 2020, in the Hemmingson Center Ballroom at Gonzaga University. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the lecture begins at 6:30 p.m. with Q&A to follow.

Registration for this event opens on March 2, 2020. The event is free and open to everyone.



Creating leadership training opportunities for medical students

Students graduating from medical school are amply equipped to treat patients, diagnose disease, interpret lab data and make high-stakes patient care decisions; but they sometimes feel less confident leading patient care teams or assuming community leadership roles.

[Enter the Leadership Pathway](#), an innovative new option for UW School of Medicine students studying in Spokane. Overseen by Dr. Darryl Potyk, chief of medical education, and Rachelle Strawther, director of leadership training and development at the Gonzaga School of Leadership Studies, it will help medical students be more effective in the team-based environment of modern health care.

Four years in the making, this dynamic collaboration between the UW School of Medicine and Gonzaga University's School of

Leadership Studies was developed to help future physicians more easily step into roles that are often expected of them, by strengthening and honing their leadership skills.



Today's students, tomorrow's leaders in rural regional health

As the next generation of physicians are trained through the UW School of Medicine – Gonzaga University partnership, they gain firsthand experience in rural communities across Eastern Washington.

For third-year medical student Erin Boland, the importance of rural health is personal.

"My father, a trained EMT, delivered me at Ephrata Community Hospital," Boland says. With a desire to return to her hometown of Ephrata after graduation, she enrolled as a student in the Targeted Rural Underserved Track, a program that prepares medical students for careers in underserved rural communities and small cities.

[Since being assigned to Coulee Medical Center](#), Boland has found that her belief in the value of rural healthcare has only grown.

Recent news articles

[UW, Gonzaga combine to provide leadership training to Spokane medical students](#) – Spokane Public Radio

- [UW is grateful for Grand Coulee](#) – The Star
- [UWSOM Student Anna May explored reducing the suicide rate among Native Americans during her monthlong stay on the Spokane Indian Reservation](#) – The Message, p. 13

Events on the horizon

- March 20: Match Day
- April 14: Next Generation Medicine Lecture on coronavirus and other emerging viruses, Hemmingson Center, Gonzaga University

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