

CU School of Medicine Rural Track 2017 Annual Report



2017 in Review

We welcomed the first-year students, half of whom joined us for Interdisciplinary Rural Immersion Week in Rio Grande County. Along with pharmacy and advanced practice nursing students from the Anschutz campus, undergraduate students from CU Denver, and a veterinary medicine student from Colorado State University, we had a fantastic turnout.



Students who participated in the 2017 Interdisciplinary Rural Immersion Week in Rio Grande County at the Eagle Air Med base in Del Norte, CO.

In the spring, we said goodbye to the Class of 2017 medical and physician assistant graduates. This was our largest cohort (27 MD and 10 PA students matriculated in 2013).

We could not have accommodated all of these students without the dedicated volunteer preceptors who host our students for rural clinical rotations in the summer between the first and second year and during third year.

In addition to arranging clinical experiences, the Rural Track provides mentorship, additional knowledge, broadened skills, and rural life experiences. We also recognize our students take on significant debt to pursue an advanced degree and are working hard to reduce this burden. We are partnering with local hospitals, clinics, and communities to create “grow-your-own” scholarships that address the long-term workforce and healthcare needs. These scholarships are typically \$10,000/year in return for a practice commitment.



Queenie Kisang (front) with preceptors, Renee Weakley, FNP and Rick Ray, MD during a rotation in Lamar, CO. She was recently awarded the Prowers Medical Center Scholarship. She plans to practice there after completing a combined residency training in family medicine and psychiatry.

We hope to create more scholarships for our students, but must also ensure the financial sustainability of the Rural Track. Many of our scholarship partners have agreed to make a \$5,000/year contribution to the operations of the Rural Track for every year they have a student under scholarship. This allows us to provide the workshops, social gatherings, and clinical experiences that our students enjoy and help us achieve our goal of increasing the number of CUSOM graduates who enter and remain in practice in rural Colorado.

In the past year, we established a Rural Track endowment and so far have raised over \$100,000 toward our goal of \$6 million. The CUSOM Department of Family Medicine has also generously offered to match endowment gifts of \$10,000 or more, up to \$250,000! We are so thankful for the contributions—past and future, large and small, monetary and in-kind—that keep this program going. Whatever you can do to help us reach our goals and ensure this program continues, **we appreciate your support!**



Rural Track Students

First and second-year Rural Track students participated in a joint session on zoonoses with veterinary medicine students from Colorado State University.

Dr. Mark Deutchman, Rural Track Director, mentors second-year MD student, Katie Van Deventer.



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

January 24, 2018
1-3pm Class of 2020

February 7, 2018
1-3pm Class of 2021

February 14, 2018
1-3pm Class of 2020

March 21, 2018
1-3pm Class of 2021

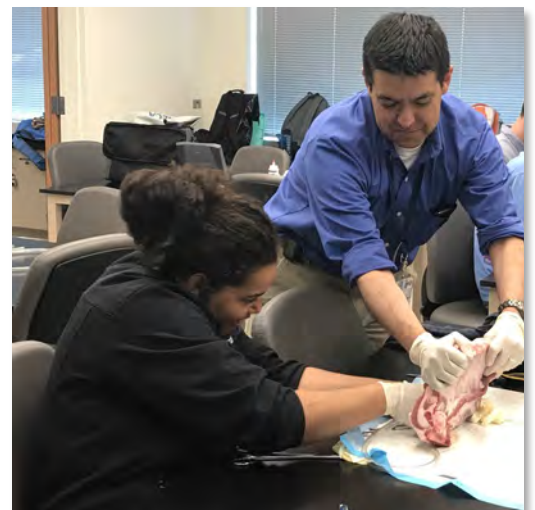
April 18, 2018
1-3pm Class of 2021
3-5pm Class of 2020

April 25, 2018
1-3pm Class of 2021

May 2, 2018
3-5pm Class of 2019

May 16, 2018
1-3pm Class of 2021

Dr. Roberto Silva, Rural Track Assistant Director, helps Leah Foster, third-year MD student, as she practices chest tube insertions.



Dan Renner ('12), Rural Track graduate and EM physician in Colorado Springs/Canon City, along with Dr. Rick Ray, FM physician and volunteer preceptor in Lamar, helps teach the airway management workshop to second-year MD and PA students.

Rural Track Graduates

Rural Track MD graduating Class of 2017



Rural Track PA graduating Class of 2017



WHERE WE ARE

We have 156 medical and 36 physician assistant graduates from the Rural Track.
Of our MD grads, 82 have completed training and are in practice.

Our grads can be found in a wide variety of specialties and communities across the country, but we are especially proud of our results in producing rural and primary care providers for the state of Colorado. We currently have 16 MD and 7 PA grads practicing in rural Colorado!

Residency Choice of MD Graduates
2009-2017
(N =156)

Specialty	#	%
Family Medicine	61	39%
Emergency Medicine	22	14%
Internal Medicine	18	12%
Anesthesiology	11	7%
Pediatrics	10	6%
OBGyn	9	6%
Psychiatry	7	4%
General Surgery	7	4%
Other	11	7%
Total	156	100%

Rural Track MD graduates in practice
(N = 82)

% Rural (20% in CO + 20% outside CO)	40%
% in Colorado	50%
% Primary Care	56%
% FM in Rural Colorado	16%

Rural Track PA graduates in practice
(N = 36)

% Rural (20% in CO + 14% outside CO)	34%
% in Colorado	67%
% Primary Care	72%



Second-year MD students, Drake Sisneros, Ethan Maulsby, Mandi Ellgen, and Darin Sisneros, volunteer at the health screening booth hosted by Colorado AHEC during the National Western Stock Show.



Rural Track graduates, Thomas Clagett ('17), Allison Kimball ('13), and Dan Renner ('12), join Dr. Mark Deutchman for CU Advocacy Day at the Colorado State Capitol.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Connect us with potential donors to fully establish the Rural Track [endowment](#).
- Contribute to the [operations](#) fund as we work toward long-term financial sustainability.
 - Create your own scholarship or support the Rural Track [scholarship](#) fund.
 - Help facilitate a workshop or share your expertise as a guest lecturer.
 - Precept students during their summer preceptorship or third-year clerkships.
- Spread the word to your family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors about the Rural Track!

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