

# 2019 Annual Report

## CU School of Medicine Rural Track



We celebrated the graduation of the Class of 2019 and invited to campus past Rural Track graduates, including some from the first graduating Class of 2009. We welcomed a new Rural Track faculty member, Dr. Josina Romero O'Connell, who has taken over as the director of the Colorado Area Health Education Center (AHEC) for Dr. Mark Deutchman.



*Dr. Mark Deutchman, Melanie DeHerrera, 2nd Year MD student, Christine Krentz, Dr. Roberto Silva, and 2nd Year MD student, Jonny Layne, presented at the 2019 World Rural Health Conference hosted in Albuquerque, NM*

The School of Medicine's curriculum is undergoing significant revision that will affect the Rural Track. By 2022, the second year will become the core clinical year and all students will be assigned to single sites where all of their clinical experiences will be integrated longitudinally. This means that we will be increasing the number of months and range of clinical experiences that our Rural Track students serve in rural communities across the state. This requires a lot of work and coordination with our colleagues across the state and we have already begun developing longer rural clinical experiences with those in family medicine, internal medicine, and surgical subspecialties.

In 2019, we expanded rural clinical experiences from three to six months in Wray, Delta/Montrose, Lamar, La Junta, and Del Norte/Alamosa. In 2020, Sterling, Salida, and Steamboat Springs will be added. As the School of Medicine's new curriculum is implemented, the Rural Track will "graduate" from an elective to a more formal Program within the school as we enter a new decade.



*Sean Wickers, Haylie Petrick, Richard Nakano, Sami Hourieh, and David Gamble, 3rd Year MD students from the Class of 2021, attended the AAFP Student and Resident meeting in Kansas City during their six month rural clinical experience*

*Dr. Josina Romero O'Connell was in the inaugural Rural Track class and graduated from the University of Colorado School of Medicine in 2010. She completed Family Medicine Residency at SCL Health St. Joseph and currently practices at Denver Health*





# Rural Track Students

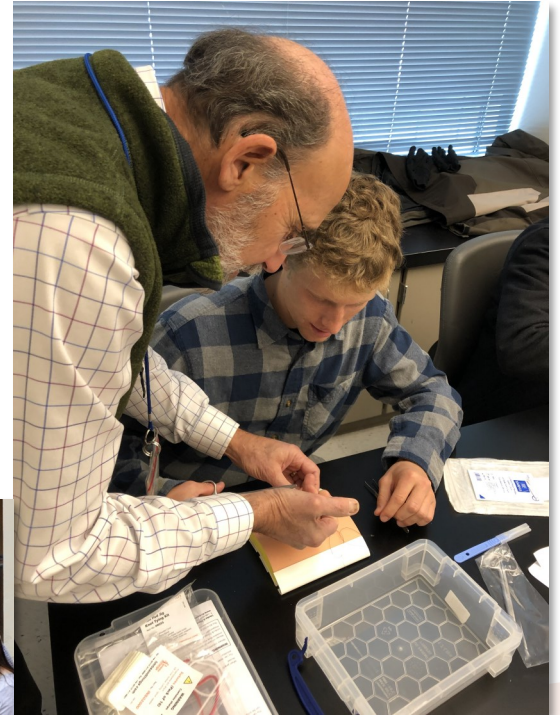


*Dr. Roberto Silva teaching the contraception/IUD insertion workshop to 2nd Year Rural Track students Christine Krentz and Reilly Quist*

*Dr. Mark Deutchman assists MD Class of 2023 student, Michael Persinger, during the sterile technique workshop*



*Dr. Mark Deutchman teaching suturing skills to MD Class of 2023 student, Shea Clafin*



*MD, PA, Pharmacy, and Physical Therapy students participated in the 2019 Interdisciplinary Rural Immersion Week hosted in Trinidad, CO*

*Dr. Andrea Wismann ('09) assisting Rural Track students, Thuy Nguyen ('20), Amelia Davis ('19), Khyla Burrows ('19), and Dave Sheneman ('19), during the chest tube workshop*



*Dr. Asa Ware ('13) helps teach the childbirth skills workshop to MD Class of 2022 students Taylor South, Dylan Schoo, Ann Rowland, and Frankie Jeney*





# Rural Track Graduates

## Residency Choices of MD Rural Track Graduates Classes of 2009-2019

Specialty	#	%
Family Medicine	77	40%
Emergency Medicine	24	13%
Internal Medicine	22	12%
Anesthesiology	12	6%
OB/GYN	11	6%
Pediatrics	10	5%
General Surgery	9	5%
Psychiatry	8	4%
Other	18	9%
Total	191	100%



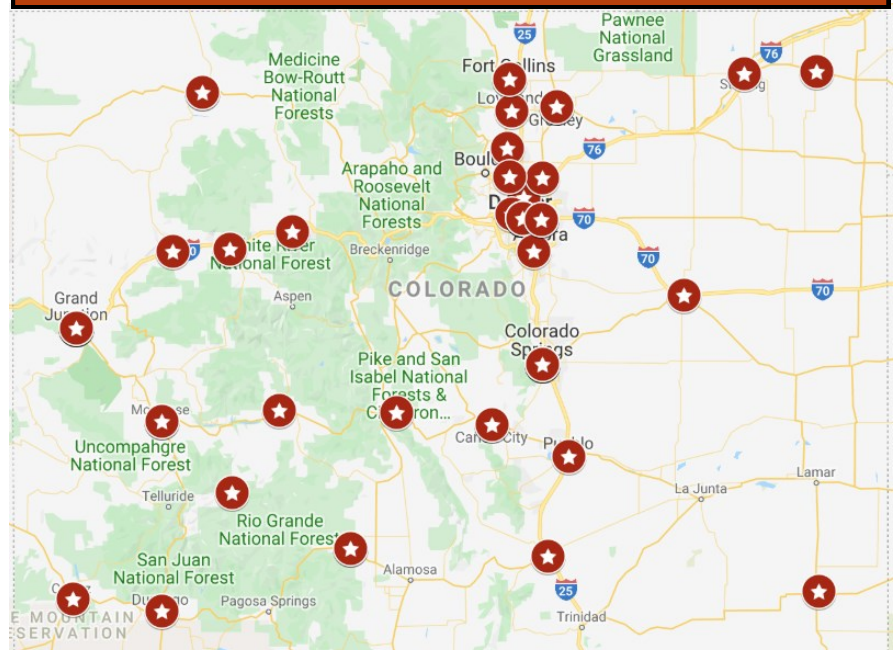
*Rural Track MD Class of 2019 graduates*  
 Front row (L to R): Kaily Baer, Matt Minturn, Sara Schuster, Allie Dillon, Emily Bressan, John Hallett, John Koopman Back row: Dr. Roberto Silva, Queenie Kisang, Dr. Mark Deutchman, Ryan Davenport, Katie Biernacki, Melanie DeHerrera Not pictured: Mikal Achtner, Taylor Goodstein, Daniel Harter, Jacob Mago, Hannah Schara, Kelly Stewart, Rob Ungerer, Halley Flammer

56% of Rural Track graduates are in primary care  
 51% of Rural Track graduates are practicing in Colorado  
 40% of Rural Track graduates are practicing in truly rural communities



*Rural Track PA Class of 2019 graduates*  
 L to R: Melanie DeHerrera, Joyce Nieman (CHA/PA faculty), Dr. Mark Deutchman, Berit Wallevand, Anya Krmpotich Corcoran, Lu Heimerl, Molly McLean, Alexander Jenik, Janice Baker (CHA/PA staff)

## Practice Locations of Rural Track Graduates in Colorado MD & PA

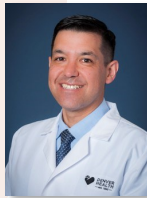




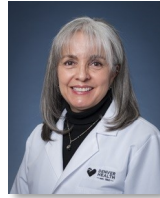
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In 2019, we proposed a bill (HB19-1241) for legislative support for the Rural Track. It did not pass, but we will regroup and try again in a future session.

Your support and advocacy for the Rural Track at the school, community, and legislative level is critical to our success.

We are continuing to build an endowment for long-term sustainability. Any help from individuals or organizations is appreciated.

You can contribute to the Rural Track endowment, operations fund, or scholarships at [giving.cu.edu/ruraltrackfunds](https://giving.cu.edu/ruraltrackfunds)

*Rural Track graduates returned to campus to share their experiences with current Rural Track students*  
Front row (L to R): Dr. Andrea Wismann ('09), Dr. Mark Deutchman, Dr. Dan Renner ('10)  
Back row: Dr. Nate Chappelle ('13), Dr. Brandy Drake ('09), Melanie DeHerrera, Dr. Allison Kimball ('13),  
Dr. Gina Carr ('12), Dr. Asa Ware ('13), Dr. Roberto Silva, Lu Heimerl



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