



## Rural Program

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Dear Rural Program Friends,

Last month we celebrated match day and in just a few weeks we will be sending the Class of 2025 off for their next adventure. As the first cohort in the new Trek curriculum to participate in the Rural Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (LIC), they paved the way for current and future students. This curriculum would not be possible without the students, graduates, preceptors, administrators, and supporters who care about the health of rural and underserved communities. This month we've been busy planning for the for the Class of 2028 to start at their Rural LIC sites later this Fall. Our program was also featured in *Steamboat Pilot & Today* that we hope you will check out!

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### Rural Program highlighted in Steamboat news article

Several students, preceptors, and faculty were highlighted in *Steamboat Pilot & Today* describing the impact of the Rural Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (LIC) on Northwest Colorado. Mason Bliss ('27) and Maddie Labor ('27) are more than halfway through their core clerkship year and have already become integrated in the healthcare systems in Craig and Steamboat Springs, respectively. Special shoutout to their preceptors, Drs. Evan Hardesty, Laurie LeBleu Vaszily, Patrick Johnston, Joshua Welch, Renee Carson, and Matthew Grzegozewski, mentioned in the article. We are tremendously appreciative of all of the clinicians working with our medical students in the Northwest and across the State! [Read the news story.](#)



From article: Second-year medical school student Maddie Labor, right, examines a patient under the supervision of Dr. Evan Hardesty at Yampa Valley Medical Associates as part of the Rural Program placement of students through the University of Colorado School of Medicine. *Yampa Valley Medical Associates/Courtesy photo*

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### **Match results for Class of 2025**

We are so excited and proud of the Class of 2025 Rural Program students. We matriculated 15 students in this cohort and 13 of them participated in the match this year. Just over half (7) matched into family medicine. Other specialties the students matched included: child neurology, EM, OBGYN, ortho, med/peds, and med prelim. Almost half (6) will be staying in Colorado for their training. [Click here](#) to see more photos of the Rural Program students at match day.



From article: Rural Program faculty and students celebrating Match day. (Left to Right): Jamie Pfahl, Mark Deutchman, MD, Liz Gundersen, MD, Roberto Silva, MD, and Gabrielle Coleman. *Photo credit Melissa Darzins*

## Rural LIC placement planning for Class of 2028

We will be sending out student confirmations and contact info for the Class of 2028 to Rural LIC sites in the coming weeks. As you can imagine, the 1st year students are eager to find out their placements for later this Fall! As part of our planning for the 2025-2026 academic year, the students will have an additional clinical immersion in the Denver metro area before arriving at their Rural LIC sites. All of them will complete 2-weeks of adult inpatient medicine. They will also complete two 2-week immersions at the beginning and one 2-week immersion at the end of the LIC year in inpatient pediatrics, inpatient psychiatry, and general surgery or OBGYN. Following the clinical immersions and basecamp preparatory activities, the students will move to their respective communities at the end of October and should be ready to start with you on Monday, November 3, 2025!



First photo Rural Program students during casting workshop in March 2025. (Left to Right): Christian White ('28), Theresa Tafoya ('25), and Evan McKee ('28)

Second photo Rural Program students practicing skills with handheld ultrasound machine in April 2025. (Left to Right): Quinlan Cuddy ('28), Amy Reyes ('26), Martina Pani ('28), and Delaney McCann ('28)

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## Resources and Reminders

- **Primary Care POCUS Course at CMU in Grand Junction on June 26 or June 27:**  
Topics will include: aorta, renal/bladder, soft tissue, MSK, DVT, and US-guided procedures. It will be a 1 day course (8 hours category 1 CME credit) so you can pick the day that works with your schedule. [Registration](#) is open and spots are still available. Click [here](#) to check out the agenda

- **New! Teaching in the Operating Room by Dr. Michael Cripps:** This short video, along with other bite-sized medical education videos, can be found on the [FacDev in 5](#) webpage.
- **LIC Preceptor Manual:** If you haven't already done so, please check out the [2024-2025 Rural LIC Preceptor Manual](#)! The manual includes benchmarks for student performance throughout the LIC year. We also have other [teaching resources](#) here.

**Contact us: [The Rural Program Team](#)**