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Rural Program

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Dear Rural Program Friends,

We just wrapped up basecamp activities for the 19 students in the Class of 2028. After six weeks of clinical immersions and several weeks of classroom didactics and workshops, these students will begin the longitudinal portion of their core clinical year. The students are currently moving to their respective Rural LIC sites and will be there from beginning of November through mid-July. We are so appreciative of the preceptors and supporters involved in our students' educational journeys. Highlighted this month are preceptor award recipients for their contributions to the LIC curriculum in the previous academic year. We could not run this program without you! If you have questions or need anything, please reach out to members of our team. We have provided links to teaching/precepting resources, as well as information about the rural preceptor tax credit.

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Class of 2028 Heading to Rural LIC Sites

The students have completed their classroom-based preparatory activities and six weeks of inpatient immersions at hospitals in the Denver metro area and will now spend the 9 months at communities across the State including Steamboat Springs, Craig, Glenwood Springs, Grand Junction, Montrose, Gunnison, Durango, Pagosa Springs, Del Norte, Alamosa, Salida, Pueblo, Fort Morgan, Sterling, and Wray. They are very excited and ready to learn!



First Photo: Students learning to remove fishhooks and practicing cyst removal skills with Dr. Mark Deutchman

Second Photo: Students practicing sterile technique in preparation for surgical experiences

Preceptor Spotlight

At the Foothills Annual Appreciation and Teaching Awards Dinner last month, several Rural LIC preceptors and champions were recognized for their outstanding contributions to medical student education. Award winners from the Rural LIC included:

- Morgan Shier, MD (FM - Trinidad) – Rural LIC Teacher of the Year
- Nancy Hamilton (FM Residency Program Coordinator - Pueblo) – Rural LIC Champion Award
- Mel Anderson, MD (IM - Aurora) – Rural LIC TBL/Seminar Teacher of the Year
- Taisa Wiedel, MD (FM – Salida) – Internal Medicine Teachers of the Year
- Marlena Wosiski, MD (EM – Pagosa Springs) – Emergency Medicine Teachers of the Year
- Katie Mang-Smith, MD (OBGYN – Glenwood Springs) – Bardsley Awards for Humanism and Excellence in Teaching



First Photo: Rural LIC Director, Dr. Roberto Silva, with Rural LIC Teacher of the Year Award winner, Dr. Morgan Shier

Second Photo: Dr. Katie Mang-Smith receiving Bardsley Award for Humanism and Excellence in Teaching

Resources and Reminders

- **Preceptor Resources:** If you are newer to teaching or want a refresher on the LIC curriculum, we have added resources in the [Trek Curriculum 2025-2026](#) Google Drive folder that includes a preceptor manual, list of core clinical conditions, and student progression benchmarks. Additional teaching and evaluation tips can be found in the [Preceptor Resources](#) Google Drive folder.
- **Preceptor Tax Credit:** If you are a primary care provider located in a rural or frontier county and precepted Rural LIC students for at least 20 days during the 2025 calendar year, you may be eligible for the [Rural and Frontier Health Care Preceptor Tax Credit](#) from the Colorado Department of Revenue. The legislation was recently revised to increase the credit amount beginning with the 2025 tax year. A credit of \$2,000 is now allowed for each qualifying preceptorship and up to three credits may be requested annually, for a total of \$6,000 for the tax year. If you qualify, use [this link](#) to download a copy of the 2025 DR 0366 Form and upload to the Rural Program team to certify that you have met the requirements.

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