The Wright Rural Medical Scholars program surveyed the students in the Boonshoft School of Medicine (BSOM) Class of 2021 who completed at least one clerkship or elective at a rural site. We received a response rate of 78% and are pleased to share the results with you.

### BY THE NUMBERS

- **9** Students Completed at least ONE Rural Rotation
- **37** Rural Rotations were Completed
- **44%** of Rural Students Matched in a Primary Care Residency
- **22%** of Rural Students Stayed in Ohio for Residency

### IF I WERE TO REPEAT MEDICAL SCHOOL KNOWING WHAT I NOW KNOW, I WOULD:

- **43%** Request MORE Clinical Experiences at a Rural Site
- **43%** Complete the SAME Number of Clinical Experiences at a Rural Site
- **14%** Request LESS Clinical Experiences at a Rural Site

### RESIDENCY SPECIALTY

- **Emergency Medicine** 22%
- **IM/PEDS** 22%
- **Pathology** 11%
- **Neurology** 11%
- **Orthopedic Surgery** 11%
- **Family Medicine** 11%
- **Internal Medicine** 22%

**86%** of respondents said they would recommend rural rotations to other students

### INTEREST LEVEL OF PRACTICING IN A RURAL SETTING

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<th>Scale</th>
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<td>Not Likely (1-3 on 10 Point Scale)</td>
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### TOP REASONS TO COMPLETE A RURAL ROTATION

1. **The opportunity to experience healthcare in a rural setting**
2. **The opportunity to work directly with a preceptor (no residents or other students at the site)**
3. **The opportunity to live temporarily in a rural setting**
4. **I plan to practice in a rural community**
5. **I thought a rural office/clinic/hospital would provide a less stressful atmosphere**
What Improvements to the WRMS Program would you recommend?

• Not making the OAFP Summer Preceptorship Program a requirement, so students can do both the Global and Rural Health Tracks, I feel these go hand-in-hand.
• Continue to expand rural clinical experiences for medical students through a variety of healthcare systems.
• Not making me drive back to Dayton twice a week.
• Expanding opportunities to Internal Medicine and OBGYN as well as EM

Any other comments you would like to provide?

• Keep up the great work! Rural Health program changed my life! Thank you!
• THANK YOU for all of your help making rural experiences possible—it has truly been the best part of medical school.
• Way too much driving. If we are going to be rural don’t make us drive back and forth so much
• Doing these rural rotations literally secured me the career path that I want currently. It helped me discover my interests better, gave me hands on experiences, and helped connect me with much needed mentors. 10/10 to our rural program!

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