

Rural Report



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Wright Rural Medical Scholars

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Welcome to the **Rural Report**, a new quarterly newsletter that highlights the activities of the Boonshoft School of Medicine's Wright Rural Medical Scholars program. Through this report, we will introduce you to our outstanding students, physician preceptors, and partnering health systems; catch up with alumni; and share how we are preparing students to be the next generation of rural Ohio physicians.

The shortage of physicians in rural communities is a state and national crisis. The Wright Rural Medical Scholars program is addressing this problem by admitting students passionate about rural medicine and stoking this passion throughout medical school with rural clinical experiences that occur early, often, and for extended periods of time. We strive to be the medical school of choice for every Ohioan who aspires to be a rural physician.

Thank you for reading the first **Rural Report!**
Lori

MEET THE STAFF



WRIGHT RURAL MEDICAL SCHOLARS

The Wright Rural Medical Scholars program is proud to be affiliated with the Wright State Area Health Education Center (AHEC). Wright State AHEC is funded by the Ohio legislature to address disparities in the health care workforce in rural and other underserved communities.



Lori Martensen

Lori Scott Martensen was named as the founding Director of the grant-funded Wright Rural Health Initiative in 2016. At the completion of the grant in 2019, she oversaw the establishment of the Wright Rural Medical Scholars program and was named the Director of the Scholars program and the Wright State Area Health Education Center (AHEC). Lori has over twenty-three years' experience in higher education.



Jayna Vossler

Jayna Vossler joined the Wright Rural Medical Scholars program in January 2020 as the Rural Health Coordinator. She has previously worked with the program in a consultant capacity. Jayna brings expertise in research and project management.

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OUR MISSION: To develop and nurture physicians pursuing rural medical practice in Ohio

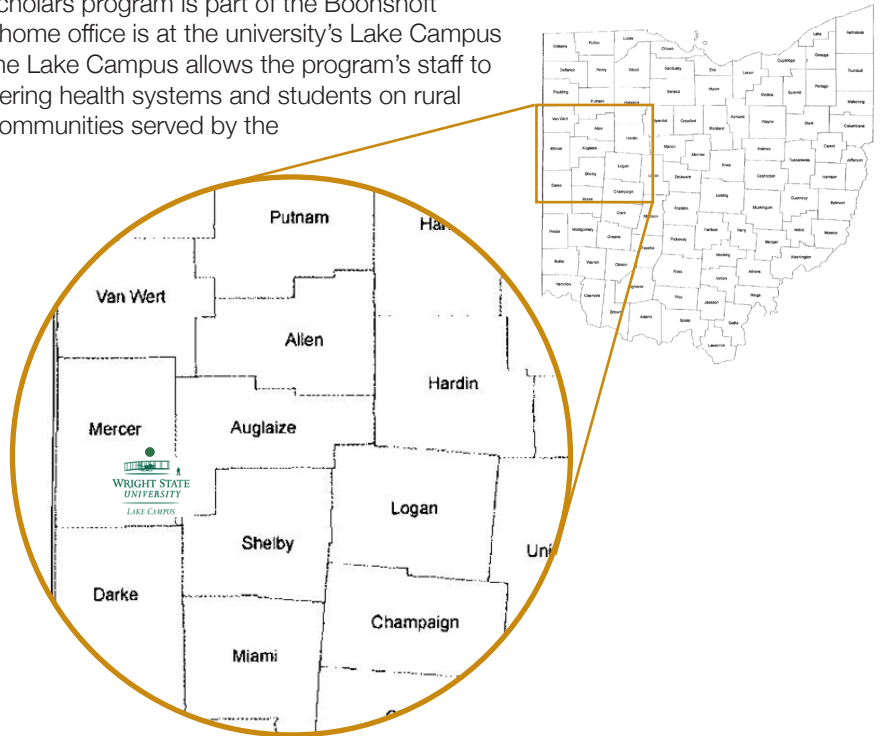


DID YOU KNOW?

The Wright Rural Medical Scholars program is part of the Boonshoft School of Medicine, but its home office is at the university's Lake Campus in Celina. Working out of the Lake Campus allows the program's staff to regularly interact with partnering health systems and students on rural

rotations, as well as be fully engaged with the rural communities served by the Scholars program.

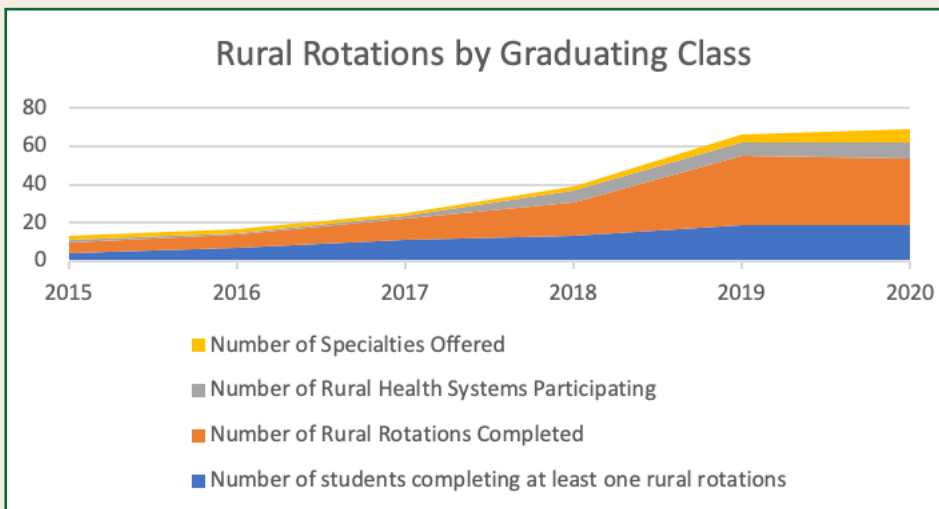
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HIGHLIGHT

History of Placements

The first students to complete clinical rotations at rural sites were members of the Class of 2015. Four students from the class did six rotations, all at Grand Lake Health System in St. Marys. Compare this to the Class of 2020, in which thirteen students completed thirty-four rotations at eight different health systems! When selecting students for rural placements, the first priority goes to students in the rural track, which is a more intensive experience, including required clinical, scholarship and extracurricular activities; these are the students who have been identified as most likely to one day practice in a rural community.



BY THE NUMBERS

For Boonshoft School of Medicine students, classes 2015 – 2020, who did at least one rural clinical experience...

45%

Stayed in Ohio for residency



54%

Went into primary care



23%

Did a primary care residency in Ohio



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