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WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## STUDENT EARNS NATIONAL HONORS

### FOURTH-YEAR WVU MEDICAL STUDENT EARNS NATIONAL HONORS FOR LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION TO RURAL HEALTHCARE

**Quintin Brubaker**, a fourth-year medical student at West Virginia University, is the recipient of the 2019 Student Leadership Award from the National Rural Health Association.

The Winchester, Virginia, native has a deep-rooted history in community-focused healthcare. Prior to joining the WVU School of Medicine, Brubaker worked as an emergency medical technician and then paramedic in rural areas of his home state.

The ability to work in rural health is part of what drew him to WVU, where students have an option to complete everything from a rural rotation to finding leadership roles that focus on a specific area of care. He's been active with Project R.E.A.C.H., volunteered for WVU's Rural Health Day, attended the West Virginia Rural Health Conference on scholarship and was elected to serve on the West Virginia Rural Health Association Board of Directors. Despite his many roles as a leader, Brubaker is adamant that success in a classroom or clinic is a team effort.

"I think leadership is about a couple of things—being able to assess the world around you and look for ways things can be better, and being able to connect with other people who feel similarly to you, who share visions with you, and coordinating your efforts to make the world a better place," Brubaker said.





In 2018, Brubaker was selected as a WVU Family Medicine Rural Scholar. He's completing the School's Rural Track program, which allows him to pursue his passion for rural healthcare. He will complete his family medicine residency under the sponsorship of the WVU School of Medicine at their primary clinical teaching sites: WVU Medicine's J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital and the Clark Sleeth Family Medicine Center. He plans to practice in West Virginia after completing the program and hopes to encourage more clinicians to work with rural communities.

"My hope is that my career in medicine will be engaging and fun from the time I graduate until I'm a really old man in my

white coat," he laughed. "I hope I'm still seeing new things every day, enjoying it, and helping people along the way."

Brubaker will accept his award on Thursday, May 9, during the NRHA's 42nd Rural Health Conference and Rural Hospital Innovation Summit in Atlanta. The following day he'll walk in the WVU School of Medicine's Commencement Ceremony on May 10 in Morgantown.

JOHN W. TRAUBERT

## WHITE COAT CEREMONY



2019 was the 20th anniversary of the Traubert White Coat Ceremony. The ceremony, which started as a tradition at the WVU School of Medicine in 1996 to commemorate the students' transfer from basic science learning to clinical learning, was named for the beloved retiring Dean of Students (Dr. Traubert) in 1999. Twenty years later, Dr. Traubert regularly attends and participates in the Ceremony. During this time, faculty had the privilege to speak with him and reminisce regarding his many colleagues and acquaintances from his years of service to WVU.





# NEW MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER

**Barbara Blumish**, MSW, LICSW, joined the Department in March as a medical social worker. She believes family medicine provides a person-centered approach to healthcare.

“My family was always very involved in the community helping people,” she said. “I became a social worker to be able to assist people in overcoming the hardships they have experienced and cope with problems they are facing.”

In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, hiking and assists in managing the Morgantown High School swim team.



## RESIDENCY TRACKS COMING SOON

The WVU Family Medicine Residency program will introduce specialized learning tracks into its curriculum beginning July 2019! Tracks will provide residents the opportunity to develop specific skills in focus areas, or “tracks,” to be cultivated longitudinally during each year of training. Tracks will not only allow residents to become experts in each learning area, but also create a more competitive landscape for our residents after graduation for employment or if they desire to pursue fellowship opportunities. The initial tracks to be rolled out this upcoming academic year include Addiction Medicine, Maternal Child Care, Geriatrics, Ultrasound, Sports Medicine and Population Health/Research.



PGY1 resident, Mitchell Hoyson, at a recent retreat.

## Join Our Team! CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

It is an exciting time to join the Department of Family Medicine and to be part of our growth! Build your legacy as you serve, teach, learn and make a difference from day one.

If you are interested in learning more please contact Kari Roupe, Senior Physician Recruiter, at [kari.roupe@wvumedicine.org](mailto:kari.roupe@wvumedicine.org) or 304-598-6674.

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A graphic featuring a red apple with a green leaf. Overlaid on the apple is a large white '45' with a blue banner across it that says 'ANNUAL'. Below this, the text 'HAL WANGER' and 'FAMILY MEDICINE CONFERENCE' is written in large, bold, yellow, sans-serif capital letters with a white outline.

# 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HAL WANGER FAMILY MEDICINE CONFERENCE

**T**he Department of Family Medicine hopes that you save the date for the 45th Annual Hal Wanger Family Medicine Conference October 3-4, 2019, held at the Holiday Inn Morgantown across from Health Sciences.

The conference will begin early morning on Thursday, October 3, followed by evening workshops and will continue all day Friday, October 4. This two day conference will feature an array of education information on the latest topics in Family Medicine.

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPENS IN JULY.**

**ENJOY A FOOTBALL WEEKEND AS WVU TAKES ON TEXAS!**