When you read about Dr. Newman's commitment to rural healthcare, I see so many similarities with Dr. Christina Marchion. Dr. Marchion is a Family Practice with Obstetrics physician at Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC) in Lewistown, MT. She was a former WWAMI TRUST student at CMMC and chose to come full circle back to her training site to practice medicine…a true example of how the WWAMI TRUST program is so beneficial.

Dr. Marchion is so intentional about how she gives back the same exceptional learning experience she had. Her dedication to future clinicians is so admirable and is filled with so much compassion. She is thoughtful in her teaching and feedback to students. She truly sets them up for success.

Her dedication to rural healthcare is vast. She travels to many cities in Montana and Idaho to share her knowledge of the medical field as well as her experience as a preceptor. She is not only one of the main preceptors for WWAMI medical students, but also is the main preceptor for the Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana. Mentoring future clinicians is just as important to her as fulfilling her role as a physician. The benefits of a good mentor are life-long. She has so much impact on these learners and are molding them each and every day. Not only does she mentor them professionally, but also mentors them through tough personal struggles such as work/life balance and time management.

As you can tell, she is extremely dedicated to the success of future clinicians as well as the love for practicing in rural healthcare. If you were to put a name next to Dr. Newman's as the epitome of rural healthcare, you would find Dr. Marchion's right next to his.