

Dr. Ron Loge Continues the Tradition of Excellence in Medicine by Awarding Medical Scholarship to Deserving Student

Dillon, Mont., (August 11, 2016) – The group gathered under the awning of Barrett Hospital & HealthCare on August 3rd to honor Ezekial “Zeke” Koslosky as he was awarded a significant scholarship for medical school.

Zeke, a standout student-athlete graduate of Beaverhead County High School, recently completed his undergraduate degree program at Carroll College and is moving on to medical school through the WWAMI program of the University of Washington.

Zeke’s background and family connections to health care in Dillon piqued his interest in becoming a physician. He has worked as a CNA and as an Emergency Room Tech at Barrett Hospital & HealthCare where he was introduced to many medical situations. Working alongside physicians solidified his plan to pursue medical studies. Maria Koslosky, his mother, has been a nurse at Barrett Hospital for many years.

Among those who encouraged Zeke in his wish to become a physician was Internal Medicine physician Ron Loge. In his career of more than 35 years at Barrett Hospital, Dr. Loge has served as mentor to many local students, medical students, and physicians. He understands the importance of encouraging young people to pursue their dreams, and has helped make the path easier for them when possible.

Years ago, Dr. Loge created the Medical Scholarship Fund which has been augmented since by generous gifts from many supportive donors. The scholarship was established to assist Beaverhead County and Ruby Valley high school graduates as they pursue a medical degree from accredited U.S. medical schools. Upon the request of a major donor, the fund was re-named the Loge Family Medical Scholarship Fund.

Zeke joins an elite group of past recipients of the scholarship, including physicians Kelly Havig Smith, who is currently practicing Family Medicine with Obstetrics at Barrett Hospital, Meghan Johnston, an internal medicine physician in Bozeman, Kelly Godecke, Louis Bartoletti, Conrad Hilton, Paula Dreyer Babb, and Jennifer Coleman Emery. Donors have given \$142,000 to the Medical Scholarship Fund since its inception. The majority of those gifts were from Jim and Jean Macaleer, without whom the annual scholarships would not be possible.

Dr. Ron Loge was recently chosen by the by the University of Washington School of Medicine graduating class of 2016 to receive a Distinguished Teaching Award which included a \$5000 stipend to be used for academic purposes. With that provision these funds were able to be used for part of Zeke’s \$12,000 scholarship.

The providers, administration and staff of Barrett Hospital & HealthCare are very proud of Zeke and his accomplishments and look forward to the bright future ahead as Zeke pursues his dream of becoming a physician.



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Award winner
share a moment
ceremony.

Dr. Ron Loge
Scholarship
Zeke Koslosky
after the award