

Jesse Wetter: Following the Path Laid Out by God



“I can’t always see around the next bend, but when I look back, I see how God has guided me along the path, and how He opened doors for me along the way that led me to where I am now.”

After graduating from The Bear Creek School in 2008 as a ‘legacy’ student (having enrolled in kindergarten at Bear Creek), Jesse was accepted into the University of Washington, Bothell, graduating with a bachelor’s of science in biology. He chose the Bothell campus in part because of the smaller class sizes, which felt more like Bear Creek than the huge lecture halls of UW’s main Seattle campus.

After college graduation, his path began to take a variety of twists and turns. Jesse continued to place his trust in God, even when it was hard to understand where he was supposed to be headed. While he knew he wanted to be in the field of medicine, he was unsure if he should focus on a clinical or administrative role. During college, he had volunteered at Evergreen Hospital, and eventually was hired full-time in patient registration in the Emergency Department. At Evergreen, he refined his direction, settling on becoming a doctor. After taking the MCAT in 2014, Jesse was admitted to the UW School of Medicine, one of just 240 new students accepted (out of 8,000 applicants). It is both the culmination of a long-term dream, and the start of a new one. He is headed to Spokane this fall to begin his training. He looks forward to integrating his faith into patient care, remembering always that

God has given him the gifts and skills he needs to study medicine.

When Jesse reflects on the path that has brought him to this point in his life, he notes that it was important for him to take the time to figure out what he wanted to do, and productively explore different options. Looking back, he sees how God provided opportunities in every deviation from the course he first thought he would follow.

Jesse has stayed involved with Bear Creek over the years, particularly through the drama department. He notes how Dr. Ron Lynch influenced him while he was a student, and he now counts Dr. Lynch as a mentor and friend. Jesse regularly volunteers to help build sets and assist with the technical aspects of Bear Creek drama productions.

“Bear Creek was home for me; it is a significant part of who I am. It feels a lot like visiting family when I’m there. It’s important for me to keep in touch. And, it’s a small way for me to say thank you to Bear Creek and Dr. Lynch for all they’ve done for me.”

“Bear Creek gave me more than just a great preparation for my academic future; it cemented my moral foundation as well. It truly gave me ‘the armor of God’ and provided me with a solid spiritual footing to meet the challenges of the broader world.”

We wish Jesse the best as he moves forward on his path.