



To the WTS Community:

It is with a heavy heart that we mourn the loss of Dr. Kelsey Musgrove, a first-year cardiothoracic surgery fellow at The University of Wisconsin, Madison after she was found deceased on April 3 after being reported missing while on an independent hiking trip in northern Wisconsin.

Dr. Musgrove hailed from Seattle, Washington where her love of the outdoors flourished. She was an undergraduate at The University of Washington, and then became a medical student at Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine in Miami, Florida. Following medical school, she completed her general surgery residency at West Virginia University where her interests and research work in cardiothoracic surgery grew. She was a heavily recruited applicant for a traditional cardiothoracic surgery training position during the match, and The University of Wisconsin was lucky to attract and retain her.

While at The University of Wisconsin, it was clear that Kelsey was a shining star. She was constantly seeking feedback for improvement, participating in research projects that were above and beyond, and was a trusted ally and advocate for the general surgery residents and medical students who rotated through the cardiothoracic surgery rotation. Her passion for patient care and our specialty were contagious.

Her smile, spirit, and presence will be deeply missed.