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KEYNOTE LECTURE

Adventures in Healthcare Careers

Sean Maurice PhD

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Dr. Sean Maurice was born and raised on Squamish, Stó:lō, Tsleil-Waututh, and Musqueam territory in the city of Vancouver. For the past 15 years he has been raising a family and teaching in the Northern Medical Program (a rural distributed medical education program), and enjoying the opportunities to have adventures in the surrounding wilderness, on the unceded territories of the Lheidli T'enneh in the city of Prince George. He trained as a basic scientist, studying cells and proteins that contribute to fibrosis and cancer; and his teaching focuses on anatomy and histology. In 2022 he received Canada's highest post-secondary teaching honour, as he was named a 3M National Teaching Fellow. Dr. Maurice sees teaching and learning as an adventure, where curiosity and authenticity should be encouraged, and risks

mitigated to ensure learner safety. He enjoys teaching rural and Indigenous learners in medical school, and also enjoys outreach to rural and Indigenous high school students to encourage them to consider post-secondary education and healthcare careers. He is currently the Assistant Dean of the Northern Medical Program and provincial lead for the Healthcare Travelling Roadshow.

Jordyn Henderson

2nd year medical student
University of Northern British Columbia



My name is Jordyn Henderson and I'm a second-year student at the Northern Medical Program. I grew up as a competitive gymnast and in my free time enjoy being active and being outdoors. Prior to medical school, I completed 2 years of undergraduate studies at UNBC in Prince George and another 2 years at UBC in Vancouver. I grew up in rural northern BC and have always had an interest in rural healthcare. I feel extremely lucky to be a part of a medical program with a more rural focus. As a medical student, I'm always eager to gain exposure to, and expand my knowledge of rural health care. Additionally, I enjoy participating in rural outreach of any sort. I look forward to the day when I can begin my career as a rural physician.