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NNU signs agreement with new Meridian medical school

NAMPA — Northwest Nazarene University has signed an agreement with Idaho's first medical school, slated to open in Meridian in August, to guarantee interview spots for NNU students.

Under the agreement, the Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine, or ICOM, will ensure interview spots for up to 10 NNU undergraduate students applying to the medical school.

The medical school plans to accept 150 students in its first year. The agreement with NNU will take effect for the upcoming school year, said Robert Hasty, the medical school's founding dean and chief academic office.

NNU students who interview will not be guaranteed a spot at ICOM. Hasty said the college was willing to interview more than 10 candidates from NNU if space allowed.

The college, he said, has admitted 60 to 70 percent of students interviewed for 2018-19.

"We're just delighted to have these formal affiliations with our local and regional universities," said ICOM President and CEO Tracy Farnsworth. "Our whole mission is to attract the brightest and best students, and we're delighted with our first class."

NNU students must meet the minimum criteria to apply, which includes a minimum 3.2 GPA and a Medical College Admission Test score in the 50th percentile.

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