

Chatel Jessel loves the strong sense of community in rural life. He grew up in Strathmore, east of Calgary.

Now in first-year medicine at the University of Calgary Cumming School of Medicine, Jessel is pursuing a career where he can truly make a difference in people's lives.

"I want to spend my life helping people," said Jessel.

"In this field, you have such a strong connection with your patients, with people. Health is the fundamental basis of which everything else is built, and if you can support people in their health, the impact you can make on their lives is incredible."

Jessel has served as a volunteer for many organizations. He was the Executive Director for the Run for Little Ones organization, and led their fundraising efforts for the neonatal care unit at Alberta Children's Hospital.

He also co-chairs the Family and Rural Medicine Interest Group at the University of Calgary Cumming School of Medicine, a group that promotes the diverse opportunities that rural family medicine offers.

While it's still early in his medical training, Jessel is leaning towards practicing rural family medicine, possibly near where he grew up in Strathmore.

Congratulations Chaten on being selected as a recipient of the \$5,000 RhPAP Rural Medical School Award.