

What the River Teaches

TAYLOR EAGLE grew up in Ann Arbor and is in his second year at the Medical School. The son of Frankel Cardiovascular Center Co-Director Kim Eagle, M.D. (also pictured), Taylor cherishes his family's more than 100-year tradition of fly fishing.

Read Eagle's essay about family and fishing, which appeared in the *Methodist Debakey Cardiovascular Journal*, at medatmich.org/EagleFishing.

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SUCCESS IN FLY FISHING INVOLVES understanding the biology of the fish, the life cycles of the insects they feed on, the environment they live in, and how these factors change over time. It reminds me of human health and disease, where a physician has to first understand normal biological function and then process numerous findings as they relate to an illness and its progression. Like fly fishing, medicine will continue to challenge me as I grow in my understanding of the profession and the patients that I serve.

“I agree with Thoreau when he said that most men go fishing all their lives without knowing that it's not the fish they're actually after. ”

—TAYLOR EAGLE

