

Kendall Campbell

From SSTRIDE to teacher

If the young participants in SSTRIDE aren't already sold on the potential rewards of hard work in medicine, now they have Kendall Campbell as a life-size reminder.

This newest faculty member in the Department of Family Medicine and Rural Health started out as one of the first mentors in SSTRIDE (Science Students Together Reaching Instructional Diversity & Excellence). He provided academic support to students as young as seventh grade who lived in – and potentially might practice medicine in – medically underserved communities in the Tallahassee area. As a faculty member, he continues to encourage students and to underscore the benefits of service.

Campbell graduated from Florida A&M, got his first year of medical school in PIMS (Class of 1997), finished med school at the University of Florida and did his family medicine residency training at TMH. For six years he taught at UF, where one of his roles was medical director of a clinic for underserved populations.

"Kendall brings to the College of Medicine a heart for teaching," said Dr. Daniel Van Durme, department chair, "and the goal of encouraging students to appreciate the fulfillment and challenges of caring for the underserved."