

## PIMS grad to lead new surgery residency program

**W**ade Douglas (PIMS, '92) has returned as the inaugural director of the College of Medicine's new general surgery residency program at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. Douglas, who graduated from Florida A&M University in 1991, assumed his new role July 1.

His first task will be to lead the program through the accreditation process, which could take up to one year to complete. The first new residents likely will be in place by 2016 and, at full capacity, the program will produce two new general surgeons a year. Currently, the nearest general surgery residency programs are in Jacksonville and Gainesville.

"As a surgeon, I have the opportunity to improve the health of a few thousand people during my career, but establishing and developing a quality residency program will provide the opportunity to directly and indirectly improve the health of a few hundred thousand people," Douglas said. "That's something I'm very excited about."

Douglas had been serving as director of the general surgery residency program at the Edwards School of Medicine at Marshall University.

