



JOIN THE TEAM

Students who took part in the David Castillo bone marrow drive

David Castillo (M.D., '12) was a star football player at Florida State before entering medical school. He didn't hesitate when current FSU Coach Jimbo Fisher sought help raising awareness about the Kidz1stFund.

Castillo recruited and organized current FSU medical students to help during a bone marrow donor drive held at FSU's new indoor football practice facility in August.

Fisher and wife Candi set up the fund in 2011 after their son Ethan was diagnosed with Fanconi anemia. Their goal is to raise awareness and help fund research. In all, 128 volunteers underwent an oral swab to register as donor matches for patients with FA or other diseases that require a bone marrow transplant.

Nine first- and second-year medical students assisted by completing the oral swabs under the direction of Karen Myers, assistant professor of family medicine and rural health.

"As a physician, I understand all too well the extreme challenges Ethan Fisher will endure in the coming years," said Castillo. "I encourage everyone to join the registry and help those in need of a bone marrow transplant. It's not every day a person gets the chance to save a life."

Most donations are conducted similarly to a blood transfusion, with no surgery needed. To join the National Marrow Donor Program "Be The Match" registry, you must be between ages 18-44, meet certain health guidelines and be willing to donate to any patient in need.



Jimbo Fisher and David Castillo



Mindy Stephenson

IN MEMORY OF A CLASSMATE

The timing was especially painful. During the celebrations taking place amid graduation week at the College of Medicine came news that **Mindy Stephenson** (M.D., '12) had passed away following a brief illness.

Stephenson had been part of the celebration just a year earlier when she and her classmates were buzzing about the completion of med school and the start of their next step toward fulfilling a dream.

Stephenson, 27, was a captain in the Air Force and a first-year resident in internal medicine at San Antonio Military Medical School in Texas when she died May 15.

“Mindy was passionate about medical school and adored her patients. She was eager to get into her clinical years,” recalled Andrea Leech, administrator at the Daytona Beach campus, where Stephenson spent her third and fourth years of medical school.

A fund has been established in Stephenson’s memory to benefit future third-year students at the Daytona Beach campus.

The Mindy Stephenson Memorial Fund for Orientation will support orientation week activities for incoming third-year students each June. With a minimum of \$25,000 in funding, it will be endowed as an everlasting gift to all future incoming classes at Daytona Beach.

“Mindy was always professional and was respected by peers, faculty and staff,” said Daytona Beach Campus Dean Luckey Dunn. “I witnessed Mindy several times in small group sessions sharing her wisdom in a manner that fostered open dialogue.”

If you wish to make a donation to honor her, please make out a check to the FSU Foundation and write “Mindy Stephenson Memorial Fund” in the memo line. Please mail the check to:

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Jessica Suber



Stephen Patrick

HAIL TO THE FELLOWS

Stephen Patrick (M.D., '07) recently was named one of 30 finalists to become a 2013 White House Fellow. The White House describes the fellowship program, started in 1964, as a way of providing “gifted and highly motivated young Americans with some first-hand experience in the process of governing the Nation and a sense of personal involvement in the leadership of society.”

Patrick and the other finalists met with President Barack Obama’s Commission on White House Fellowships in Washington, D.C., in June. The program is described by the White House as “The nation’s most prestigious program for leadership and public service.”

Also in June, Patrick completed the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program at the University of Michigan. He entered practice as an assistant professor of pediatric medicine at Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt University.

HEALING HANDS

Jessica Suber (M.D., '08) recently joined The Healing Hands Foundation on a medical mission trip to Patzun, Guatemala. A group of 42 medical and dental specialists completed 69 surgical cases, including cleft lip repair, cleft palate repair, cleft lip rhinoplasty, hernia repair and excision of lesions such as lipomas, ganglion cysts and tumors.

The group included nurses, scrub technicians, anesthesiologists, pediatric general surgeons, plastic surgeons and a family physician. Suber is a fifth-year resident at the University of South Florida in plastic and reconstructive surgery.