

Tampa Native Launches Her Career As Pediatrician

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It has often been said that anyone can serve as a mentor and influence our children. And this was the case with a young Tampa woman.

As a child, Dr. Alrick Drummond was a patient of Dr. Elizabeth Yakubu. She remembers, “I struggled with asthma during most of my childhood. Unlike most children who dread visits to the pediatrician, I looked forward to each visit because Dr. Yakubu always managed to make me feel better.

“Growing up, I also saw what a difference she made in the lives of her patients, and I wanted to have that opportunity, too,” Dr. Drummond said.

So, as a child, the little girl with asthma decided that she wanted to follow in the paths of her pediatrician.

A Tampa native, Dr. Drummond graduated from Tampa Bay Technical High School, Academy of Health Professionals, and continued her education at Florida State University. She earned both her B.S. Degree and her M.D. Degree from the University.

While there, she was a member of the Center for Academic Retention and Enhancement (CARE) Program. As part of the program, she mentored middle and high school students who displayed an interest in the medical field.

After graduating from Florida State University, Dr. Drummond completed her residency at Crozer Medical Center, in Upland, Pennsylvania and became board certified in 2018.

When the opportunity presented itself for her to work with her mentor, Dr. Drummond did not hesitate. She currently serves as a pediatrician at the Children’s Health Center, 13043 Summerfield Square Drive, in Riverview.

Today, Dr. Drummond is realizing her goal and commitment to improve health literacy among the population she serves.

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