

# Black History Month Physician Spotlight



# Dr. Kayla Smith

Area of Practice Plastic and Reproductive Surgery

#### **Education & Experience**

Baylor University, BS University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, MD Medical College of Georgia, General Surgery Medical College of Wisconsin, Plastic Surgery

## What's Your Motivation for Becoming a Physician?

I was inspired to become a plastic surgeon after watching a documentary about plastic surgeons on a mission trip. I was amazed that they were able to transform patient's lives with their work. I have been lucky enough to participate in 2 mission trips as a plastic surgeon and hope to continue to do more mission work throughout my career.

### Who in Black History Inspires You?

Vivien Thomas- He became a pioneer in the field of cardiac surgery in a time when racism was overt and accomplishments weren't acknowledged.

#### How Do You Engage with the Community?

I enjoy being involved with mentoring programs in the community and through my church.