

Larry D. Keith, M.S., M.S

Award for Outstanding Contribution to Medical Education



A life-long educator, administrator and student advocate, Larry Keith is the assistant dean for admission and associate director of the Office of Educational Development at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC). He Also serves as the director of special programs, where he has made continuous contributions to the health professions by helping countless underrepresented minority students attend medical and dental school.

Mr. Keith received his B.S. in biology from North Carolina A&T State University and a M.S. in biology from Virginia State University. He obtained

another M.S. in cell biology and anatomy from UNC. He began his teaching career in the public schools, teaching physical science, biology, and chemistry. He went on to teach science courses at St. Augustine's College and Shaw University (Raleigh, NC), and UNC, where he currently serves as faculty of the Allied Health Sciences Gross Anatomy course.

His awards and recognitions are many. He is a 2006 C. Knox Massey Distinguished Service Award recipient for "unusual meritorious or superior contributions to UNC" receiving a monetary stipend of \$6,000. Other include the Leadership Award, North Carolina Health Careers Access Program (NC-HCAP); the Spectrum Award for Contributions to Medical Education; the Kaiser-Permanente Excellent in Teaching Award; and the Merit Award from the Black Faculty Caucus at UNC. He is also a four-time recipient of the Student National Medical Association (ANMA) Award.

Under his direction, the Office of Special Programs has received over \$5 million in grant funding. He served as the principal investigator for the Burroughs-Wellcome Student Science Enrichment Program (SEEP) grant and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Center of Excellence (COE) and Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) partnership grants.

His professional and civic affiliation included the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), National Education Association, Carolina Education Association, N.C., A&T State University Alumni Association, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Among his university appointments are the School of Dentistry Robert Wood Johnson Pipeline Committee, the Chancellor's Task Force on Diversity at UNC, The Schools of Medicine and Dentistry Admission Committees, and the UNC School of Medicine Scholarship Committee. He is a former NAMME vice-president.

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