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### Thomas Patterson (ON 2009)

When he commenced his medical studies at the University of Western Sydney, Dr Thomas Patterson always knew he wanted to pursue a career in surgery. Currently in his first year as a junior doctor at Liverpool Hospital in western Sydney, Thomas will use his ONU Centenary Trust endowment to complete a Graduate Diploma in essential surgical skills to help him establish his progression into at MD or PhD program in trauma surgery.

At Newington, Thomas was an engaged and motivated student attending on a Halse Rogers scholarship from Year 7 to Year 12. Thomas attributes his enjoyment of co-curricular activities such as cadets and rowing as well as leadership roles in senior years with providing him with the confidence to make the most of his university experience and equipping him in the fullest way possible to become a motivated and responsible adult.

Whilst at University, Thomas developed a profound understanding of how disadvantage works in a modern Australian context, initially through university placements then of his own accord with disabled people and homeless youth in the Macarthur region of Sydney. In recognition of his community work, he was awarded the Macarthur Disability Service Medical Student of the Year Award and the Wollondilly Shire Prize for Medicine in Context. Thomas also took every opportunity to focus on surgery, orienting himself towards a leadership role on the Surgical Society Executive Committee and undertaking surgically oriented research.

Thomas' CV is filled with evidence of giving back to his community, whether it be his substantial mentoring roles or his varied community work. It is testimony to his generous and committed character that during his final year of Medicine, he volunteered to help senior Newington students interested in applying for medicine with their UMAT applications.

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