



**SYDNEY UNI
SPORT**

**ELITE ATHLETE
PROGRAM**

Valedictorians

**An individual who personifies
excellence in their sport and
study commitments**

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2009

David Garrick

Water Polo

Sydney Uni Water Polo Club
Graduate Diploma in Commerce

Achievements

- » Long-serving member of the Sydney University Lions in the National Water Polo League.
- » During this period David was a part of the Men's National Water Polo League who experienced victories in 2003 and 2005 and two other grand final play-offs.
- » Beginning of 2008, David was offered a position at a major financial institution, an incredible opportunity considering the current financial climate.



2010

Will Hay

Cricket

Sydney Uni Cricket Club
Bachelor of Commerce (Honours)

Achievements

- » Captain of First Grade for Sydney Uni Cricket Club who compete in the NSW Premier Cricket Competition.
- » Batting style: Right-hand bat.
- » Bowling style: Right-arm medium.

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2011

Emma Schiller

Soccer

Sydney Uni Soccer Football Club
Masters of International Studies

Achievements

- » Was a huge factor in the club winning the Super League First Grade and Reserve Grade titles in 2007 to earn Sydney Uni promotion back into the top tier.
- » Captain of the Women's First Grade team.
- » Won several Australian University Games Gold.
- » University Blues recipient.
- » Vice President of SUSFC for several years.
- » Currently works as a journalist and communications specialist. Emma spent two years in London working in newsrooms, websites and press offices.



2012

Ed de Carvalho

Rowing

Sydney Uni Boat Club
Bachelor of Arts

Achievements

- » Represented Australia on various levels from the U23 stage upwards.
- » Selected for the Australian Youth Olympics squad earning a silver medal.
- » Competed in the 2013 World Championships in the Men's Lightweight Quad Scull in South Korea for Australia.

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2013

Angie Ballard PLY

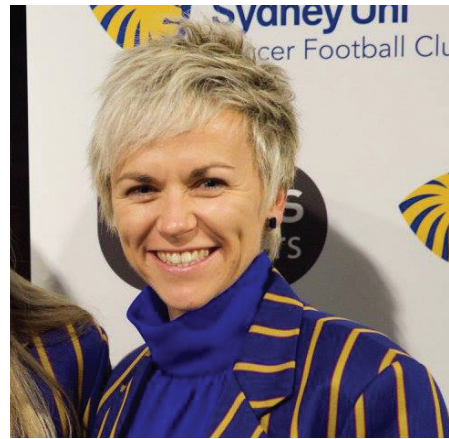
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Sydney Uni Athletic Club

Bachelor of Science (Honours)

Achievements

- » Selected for a record seven World Para-Athletics Championships.
- » Won gold in the 100m at the 2002 IPC World Para-athletics Championships in Lille, France.
- » At the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Angie won gold in the 1500m
- » At the IPC Grand Prix in Nottwil, Switzerland, she broke a world record in the 400m that had stood for six years.
- » At the Rio Paralympics, she claimed three medals, silver in the 4x400m relay and bronze in the 100m and 400m.
- » Competed in the several Para - Olympic Games: Sydney 2000, Athens 2004, Beijing 2008, London 2012, Rio 2016.
- » She won bronze in the 100m at the 2004 Paralympic Games in Athens.



2014

Meegan Shepherd

Soccer

Sydney Uni Soccer Football Club

Master of Education (Health Professional Education)

Achievements

- » Member of the First Grade side who competes in division 1 of the National Premier League.
- » University Blues recipient.
- » Won several Australian University Games Gold.
- » Currently works as radiation therapist at NSW Health.

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2015

Ed Fernon OLY

Modern Pentathlon

Sydney Uni Athletic Club

Master of Commerce

Achievements

- » Sydney University Blue for Modern Pentathlon 2010.
- » Sydney University Blue for Fencing 2015.
- » Won the 2007 NSW modern pentathlon championships and the 2008 Oceanic championships.
- » Ed gained selection for the 2012 Olympics in London.
- » Ranked 111th in the world going in the Games, Ed posted one of the fastest final run times for a credible 27th in the event.
- » Ed has since launched a career as a property entrepreneur, setting up his own business, Freedom Development Group.
- » Ed is also the Vice President of Sydney Uni Sport and Fitness, the Vice President of Modern Pentathlon Oceania and an Ambassador for the Black Dog Institute.



2016

Tim Barton

Australian Rules Football

Sydney Uni Australian Rules Football Club

Bachelor of Animal Science (Honours)

Achievements

- » 2011, 2013, 2014 Tim Driscoll Medallist.
- » Captain of the Sydney University North Eastern Australian Football League (NEAFL) 2013 - 2015 and 2018.
- » Sydney University Blue in 2010.
- » Played in the NAB Cup and NAB Challenge for Greater Western Sydney (GWS) Giants in 2011.
- » Represented NEAFL against WAFL in 2014.
- » Represented NEAFL Eastern Conference against AFL Tasmania in 2013.
- » NEAFL Eastern Conference Team of the Year Captain.
- » Played in over 150 games for SUANFC.

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2017

Anneliese Rubie OLY

Athletics (400m & 4x400m Relay)

Sydney Uni Athletic Club

Bachelor of Arts

Achievements

- » Personal bests:
 - › 200m: 23.54 (Sydney AUS, 9 Mar 2013)
 - › 400m: 51.69 (Beijing CHN, 24 Aug 2015)
 - › 800m: 2:02.18 (Eagle Rock USA, 18 May 2017)
- » 2014 Commonwealth Games placed fourth in the women's 4x400m relay and secured an Olympic relay position at the IAAF World Relays in the Bahamas.
- » Made the semis at the 2014 Commonwealth games and 2015 World Championships.
- » Selected for Rio Olympic Games where she advanced to the 400m semi-final and a contributor to the 4x400m relay team that placed 8th in the final.
- » She has represented Australia in the 400m and 4x400m at the World Junior Championships, World University Games, Continental Cup, Commonwealth Games, and the World Championships.



2018

Dr Tomas Robertson

Rugby Union

Sydney Uni Football Club

Bachelor of Medical Science & Master of Public Health

Achievements

- » Made his debut for the Waratahs against the highlanders on 18th March 2016, and scored a try on debut.
- » Became Wallaby number 898 in 2016, and made his debut for the Wallabies in 2016 against Argentina in Perth.
- » Completed his undergraduate degree with a Distinction average and majors in Physiology and Pharmacology after remaining enrolled full time despite his rugby commitments.
- » In 2016, he earned himself a place in the Doctor of Medicine program at Sydney Medical School, and despite his professional rugby career, managed to complete his first year.
- » Received the Chris Whitaker Award for Aspiring Waratahs in his debut year.
- » Recipient of the Nigel C Barker Medal for Sporting Achievement at Sydney Uni.

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2019

Anthony Hrysanthos OLY

Water Polo

Sydney Uni Water Polo Club

Bachelor of Applied Science (Physiotherapy)

Achievements

- » Gold medallist at the FINA World League Intercontinental Water Polo Tournament in April 2019 and received award for the Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament.
- » Won the 2018 Australian National Water Polo League title and received the Tom Hoad Medal for Most Valuable Player of the Finals Series.
- » Received the Ali Visch Award for the Sydney University Lions Most Valuable Player in the Australian Water Polo League for 2018.
- » Received the University of Sydney Academic Excellence Awards at the NSW Institute of Sport's Awards in 2018.
- » Named the 2017 Sydney University Sportsman of the Year.
- » Captain of the Sydney University Lions AWL Team for 2020 season.



2020

Madii Himbury OLY

Freestyle Mogul Skiing

Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise & Sports Science) & Master of Public Health (Health Promotion & Advocacy)

Achievements

- » Represented Australia at the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympics, finishing 20th place in the finals.
- » Represented Sydney University at Nationals Snow over three years in which she medaled every event she competed in.
- » Returned to sport after taking time off for mental illness in 2019 only to tear her 3rd ACL, returning to competition with an ACL deficient knee in 2021, finishing 7th in the US National Championships.
- » Selected on the Beijing 2022 Australian Olympic 'The Long List'.
- » Awarded 2018 Sydney University Female Blue of the year.
- » Finalist for the Nigel C Barker Medal for Sporting Achievement at Sydney Uni.

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2021

Dr Alexander Cobb

Baseball

Sydney Uni Baseball Club

Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine

Achievements

- » 8 Seasons with the club.
- » 3 x First Grade MVP.
- » 3 x Club MVP.
- » First grade finals MVP.
- » 2 x First grade championships.
- » 2 x University Games gold medals.
- » Career best performance - 10 1/3 scoreless innings (Game 3 of the 2017 first grade championship series).



2022

Dr Hannah Buckling OLY

Water Polo

Sydney Uni Water Polo Club

Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine

Achievements

- » 11 seasons with Sydney university water polo club
- » 2 x Australian Water Polo Championships with Sydney University Water Polo Club
- » Represented Australia at two Olympic Games (2016 6th + 2021 5th)
- » World Championships Silver Medal 2013
- » World Championships Bronze Medal 2019
- » World Cup Silver Medal 2014
- » World Cup Bronze Medal 2018
- » Australian Water Polo League Finals MVP 2016
- » 3 x University Games Gold Medals
- » Awarded 2014 Sydney University Female Blue of the Year
- » Recipient of the 2014 Nigel C Barker Medal for Sporting Achievement at Sydney University

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2023

Dr Mackenzie Little OLY

Athletics (Javelin)

Sydney Uni Athletic Club

Doctor of Medicine

Achievements

- » Tokyo Olympic Finalist 2021
- » Commonwealth Games silver medallist 2022
- » World Championships bronze medallist 2023
- » UniSport Nationals Gold Medallist
- » Awarded 2021 Female Blue of the Year
- » Awarded 2023 Sydney University Sportswomen of the Year
- » Recipient of the Aleksandra Pozder Scholarship



2024

Rachel Jeffs

Touch Football

M. Physiotherapy

Achievements

- » M. Physiotherapy
- » 2024 awarded a blue
- » 2024 Finalist for Sportswomen of the year
- » 2024 Gold Medallists at the Touch Football World Cup
- » 2024 Jenny Lawler Scholarship

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2025

Matthew Wachter

Basketball

B. Engineering Honours and B. Commerce

Achievements

- » 2022 Awarded a Blue
- » 2022 U20 NSW Metro
- » 2023 Silver Medallists FISU University World Cup 3x3 Basketball
- » 2023 FISU Oceania Qualifier Gold Medallists
- » 2023 UniSport Nationals 3x3 Gold Medallists
- » 2023 Blues Association Scholarship
- » 2024 Comets Defensive Player of the year
- » 2025 Norths Defensive Player of the year



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