

Lily wins Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship

Lily Thorpe, a proud Ngijaampa and Wiradjuri woman from Wagga Wagga NSW, recently received the Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship.

Lily found UOW after attending the university's discovery day and after a tour of the campus and surrounding city, she was convinced to apply to study at UOW. Lily applied for a Bachelor of Nursing and was admitted through Woolyungah's Indigenous Centre's (WIC) Indigenous Admissions Pathway.

Lily first applied for the Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship in October of 2021 after being notified of the opportunity by WIC. Fortunately, due to her previous cadetship experience, the application process was "very smooth."

Lily did have some minor setbacks, however. In December of 2021, she was told that she was unsuccessful for the scholarship and was placed on a waitlist. After several months, in May of 2022, Lily received an email from the ACN stating she received the offer.

Lily states that The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship has changed her life immensely:

"I am hoping to secure a new grad position in an Orthopedic ward. To me, it is amazing to see patients come in for a total hip replacement one day and see them walk out of the hospital 4 days later, yes, only 4 days!"

– Lily Thorpe

"The Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship has completely changed my financial situation.

"This scholarship has made me 100% financially secure and has eased the pressure to work whilst studying full time."

Lily has goals to become an orthopaedic clinical nursing specialist. She is currently in her second year of university study.

Through her cadetship she has been offered a new grad position in her hometown's base hospital.



Proud Ngijaampa and Wiradjuri woman Lily Thorpe is studying for a Bachelor of Nursing.

Uni support helps Samantha stay motivated

Samantha Peace identifies as a Kamilaroi and Baraba Baraba woman and is a recent graduate of UOW.

Samantha was always encouraged to pursue higher education by her parents and after finding an interest in business studies in high-school, she decided to apply for a Bachelor of Commerce at UOW.

Moving from Nowra to attend UOW's Wollongong campus, Samantha found that being away from her family soon became a challenge. The ongoing support she received from the university and the Woolyungah Indigenous Center [WIC] however, made her feel supported and a part of a community. Samantha states:

"I'm a big family person and felt stuck between two worlds for a while. Along the way these worlds began to feel a lot more connected, and I felt at ease here in Wollongong. I thank the community at the university for that...The connection and community WIC provides, specifically during the pandemic, when things felt so isolated, made all the difference. Even just a small check-in call or text before the start of session kept me motivated."



Samantha Peace.

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