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**(Class of 2002)**



I completed my MBChB at the University of Cape Town in 2008, graduating with distinction. In 2008 I was also elected the President of SHAWCO Health, a student run organisation that aims to serve the needs of the greater community of Cape Town while enhancing the learning experiences of UCT Medical School students. One of my proudest achievements last year was leading SHAWCO in launching a fully funded mobile paediatric clinic. This clinic goes right into the communities that we had identified as being in need of child health facilities and consults, dispenses medication and refers children to other facilities as necessary. Another exciting aspect is that it is being used by the UCT Paediatrics Department and is part of the Paediatrics curriculum.

This year I am living in Durban, completing my internship at Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital. I am enjoying practising medicine and loving being closer to home. My internship ends in 2010 and I will then complete my community service year. After which I plan on specialising, but I am yet not sure of exactly what I will specialise in!