



## Thomas John Patterson

Founder & Chief Executive Officer

Tom Patterson grew up in a small all-American town in South Dakota. Even as a child, Tom was always curious. He was always interested in how things were made and how he could make them better. After being let go from his position as a medical device salesman, Tom was inspired to seize his opportunity. Tommy John was co-founded by Tom and his now wife Erin Fujimoto in 2008.

Unsatisfied with traditional underwear, Tom created a more fitted and functional modern base layer. He developed an innovative collection of undergarments made of propriety materials: patented stay tucked undershirts, non-bunching underwear and socks that never fall down. Every product in the Tommy John assortment is purposefully engineered to solve a problem.

Tom used a mix of business communications learnings from his degree at Arizona State, and his strategic selling skills to get Tommy John off the ground, into stores like Neiman Marcus and Nordstrom and online at [tommyjohn.com](http://tommyjohn.com). Today, Tom continues to innovate and expand, not just the product line, but the business as a whole.

Tom was named EY Entrepreneur of the Year® 2017 New York for retail and consumer goods and was named Crain's 40 Under 40 in 2016.

Tom lives in New York City with his son, daughter and wife Erin. During his limited spare time he loves to surf, work out, and uncover what other problems he can solve in men's apparel.

