



John Cabot University *ALUMNI PROFILE*



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What was your career path after graduating from JCU?

As soon as I graduated, I started working in my family's company, Tenuta San Leonardo. I've been with the company ever since. Today, as CEO, I am trying to bring our 300 year-old estate into the 21st century, but without taking away its soul.

What honors or awards have you received?

Tenuta San Leonardo has been ranked 12th among the top 100 wines of the world by Wine Spectator magazine. We also participate in the Comitato Grandi Cru d'Italia, which brings together all of the top wineries of Italy.

What do you like most about your work?

Wine making is a great profession, and I would not change a thing about my job. What I love most is being in the countryside, where I can watch the seasons change and admire the majesty of nature.

What are your hobbies?

I enjoy many sports – skiing, sailing, and riding motorbikes of all kinds. I also work as a volunteer, helping people with physical disabilities. This has been one of the best things I've ever done, as it has helped me to grow as a person while doing something important for people who need help in one part of their lives.

What were you probably doing on this very day, ten years ago?

I was always swimming. And hanging out in Trastevere at Bar Settimiano with all my friends. And, best of all, riding my Super Vespa!

What's your favorite landmark in Rome?

Many places are special to me because I am a Roman and I love my city. I profoundly love the ruins. I also liked going to Campo de Fiori to meet up with friends.

What is it like living in Borghetto Avio?

The closest village to my house has only 300 people, so life has changed a lot since my days in Rome!

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would that be?

In these last years, I have had a pure attraction for India. I would love to stay there for a couple of years and breath in all the incredible perfumes of that country.

What was the last good book you read?

Shantaram by Gregory David Roberts – it's a great book about India.

What upcoming event or occasion are you looking forward to right now?

The birth of my daughter!

What advice would you give to students attending JCU today?

I think that students should give great attention to the productive sciences, such as marketing and finance, but they should never forget the humanistic subjects, such as philosophy and literature, which bring a deeper understanding of the complex world we are living in.