



John Cabot University *ALUMNI PROFILE*



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Tell us about your fencing career.

I discovered fencing when I was 12 years old and was competing professionally shortly after that. As a professional athlete, I have to practice very hard so that I can qualify for international competitions. I participated in the 2004 Olympics in Athens when I was 19 years old, and again in the 2008 Olympic games in Beijing. Within Brazil, I have been nominated five times as the country's best fencer. I hope to participate in the 2012 Olympics as well, so I still practice regularly.

What public service are you involved with?

I have plans to start teaching fencing to children that live in the favelas (ghettos) in Brazil.

What are your plans for the future?

I've started to work with my father, who is an economist. Besides working with the stock market, I also want to become an entrepreneur and start new investments.

What has been the biggest challenge at your current job?

The financial crisis that started in America can be seen today in the entire world, and its consequences are affecting developing countries such as Brazil. Working in such a changing environment is a challenge for a recently graduated student.

What was the last good book you read?

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini.

What's your most frequently used or favorite website?

I use <http://www.uol.com.br/> to get information regarding my country and world news.

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

I would live in Australia, because Australia is similar to Brazil, but it has a better infrastructure.

What's your favorite landmark in Rome and why?

The Via dei Fori Imperiali, which runs from the Piazza Venezia to the Colosseum. I always liked to walk down this road, overlooking the Roman Forum, whenever I felt that I needed some time for myself.

What advice would you give to students attending JCU today?

I hope that today's students appreciate what a great opportunity JCU provides to meet new people and to learn about different cultures.