



## 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.