

Ronaldo Martins

Student Pinnacle Award

Vancouver Campus

Ronaldo Martins is from Patos de Minas, Brazil. Coming from a very small city, from a young age Ronaldo felt an urge to explore new places, discover new things and meet different people. After finishing high school he decided to go abroad and has since visited over 40 different cities in 11 countries. He speaks three languages and plans to learn a fourth.

Before coming to Canada to pursue his bachelor's degree in business, Ronaldo was enrolled in Law school at Pontifical Catholic University, in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. When he started his studies at FDU, he had two objectives: to achieve outstanding academic performance while getting the most out of his experience as a university student. Looking back after four years, Ronaldo is proud of his accomplishments.

During his time at FDU, Ronaldo has been actively involved with several extracurricular experiences. For instance, he was a dedicated orientation leader to new students, and an academic representative for the students association. Due to his proven competencies and exemplary character, Ronaldo was appointed to the FDU-Vancouver Standards Committee, a role he has been holding for the last two and a half years. In this position, Ronaldo has helped FDU resolve a number of matters involving students' behavior on campus.

Outside of school, Ronaldo has been an active volunteer for a number of noble causes. For instance, he has helped fundraise for poor families in his home town, and, in Vancouver, he was a treasurer for the

Rotary/Rotaract Club, where he was in charge of managing the club's financial account as well as helping fundraise for causes like the elimination of poliomyelitis. Ronaldo has also been involved with the TD Great Canadian Shore Cleanup, and he is a contributor to World Vision, which supports disadvantaged children in Africa.

In addition to his involvement with extracurricular activities, Ronaldo has certainly excelled in his academic life. With a GPA of 3.85 out of 4.00, Ronaldo has been part of the Silberman College of Business honors list every term for the last four years. Recently, Ronaldo helped his FDU team score 3rd place in UBC's Reveal National Business Competition, where they competed with twenty two universities from across the country. As evidence of his outstanding performance, Ronaldo has been invited to join the prestigious Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society. Membership in this select club is the highest recognition a business student anywhere in the world can receive at a business school accredited by the AACSB.

Ronaldo graduates with a B.S. in business administration with a concentration in international business; following his graduation in May, he plans to apply for Law school in Canada.