

# RODRIGO MERCADO

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## EDUCATION

JUNE 2021

### BACHELOR OF ARTS, UBC OKANAGAN

- Honorary Major in the PPE (Philosophy, Politics and Economics) interdisciplinary program
- Completion of a thesis named "*The Development of the Responsibility to Protect: An Analysis of the Moral and Normative Response to Intrastate Violence and Atrocities*" during the Covid-19 Pandemic

SEPTEMBER 2019

### THIRD YEAR BA – EXCHANGE PROGRAM, SCIENCES PO (REIMS, FRANCE)

- Completed 12 courses in a mix of French and English
- Attained certificate program in European Affairs
- Participated in the Asociación de Latinx Americanos Solidarios (ALAS). Co-ordinated and led a campus-wide event named Sexual Health Week. Organized:
  - STI Testing and Information campaign with CeGIDD de Reims
  - Translation (Spanish to French/ English) and support for Monica Leon ([see more](#)), a transgender guest speaker on the topics of injustices in Latin America, sex trafficking and the difficulties of a transgender person

JUNE 2017

### EXCHANGE STUDENT, LYCÉE CHARLES PÉGUY (ORLÉANS, FRANCE)

- Experienced a culturally immersive year abroad in France. Reassured me of my career choices and current interest in Foreign Affairs and International Relations
- Acquired a better understanding of different cultures, people, and languages

JUNE 2016

### DOGWOOD DIPLOMA & IB CERTIFICATE, WEST VANCOUVER SECONDARY SCHOOL

- Completed IB certificate in English, History and Spanish

## WORK EXPERIENCE

SEPTEMBER 2020 – PRESENT (ON-CALL)

### TASTING ROOM HOST AND SALES REPRESENTATIVE, KITSCH WINES, KELOWNA

- Co-ordinated hosting, and sales with Shopify
- Assuring customer satisfaction through good communication and understanding customers' needs and wants

JUNE 2019 – JULY 2019

### TEAM LEADER AND SALES COORDINATOR, ENDLESS SOLUTIONS (HOMEBIOGAS), MEXICO

- Lobbied and achieved donatory goals for HomeBiogas systems at events such as *Techo* ([see here](#)) and *Visfoundation* ([see here](#))
- Supervised a crew of three in the inspection, construction, and repairs of HomeBiogas systems and solar panels
- Second place in the Energy category for the *Premios Latinoamerica Verde*
- Spearheaded sales activities in several southern Mexican states where we met with municipal and state officials and NGO's for potential access to funds and donations for more installations
- Conducted a presentation of the ten HomeBiogas systems to the First Lady of Guatemala, Patricia Marroquin de Morales ([See more](#))

MARCH 2018 – PRESENT

### PRIMARY RESERVE ARMOURED CREWMAN, CANADIAN ARMED FORCES (CAF/DND), KELOWNA

- Management of my troop (24 people) during the Basic Military Qualifications and DP-1
- Developed mental resilience while cultivating leadership skills and critical thinking under stressful environments
- Established strong discipline and organizational skills
- Treasurer of the Junior Ranks Mess (2020/21)

# SKILLS

## *Languages:*

- **Trilingual:** English – Spanish – French (Full Professional Proficiency)

## *Characteristics:*

- Diverse and intercultural understanding
- Strong Leadership Skills
- Adaptability and resilience

## *Technology:*

- Adept understanding of technology and general computer skills
- Proficient with Word, Excel and PowerPoint
- Basic Video Editing (Camtasia, Kaltura, etc.)
- Able to use HTML and basic JavaScript
- Zoom, Google Meet, Cisco Webex, Discord, Collaborate Ultra, etc.
- Google Platform (Sheets, Docs, Slides etc.)

# CERTIFICATES AND TRAINING

- **Hogan & Benzinger** Assessments completed (Ask to see the results)
- Took a **finances course** developed by a private bank **Actinver**. Produced a mock sales portfolio tailored to the client's needs while learning to manage stocks through a simulation

# AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

## **BRITISH COLUMBIA DRAGOONS WHIZZBANG REGIMENTAL FOUNDATION EDUCATION AWARD (2020)**

- Award is given to a member of the British Columbia Dragoons Primary Reserve to help with the cost of advancing their education and/or career training

## **SCHOLARSHIP IN PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, AND ECONOMICS (2019)**

- One of two scholarships offered by Dr. Roger Gale for students in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) at UBC Okanagan. Preference is given to students who have "demonstrated academic excellence".

## **GO GLOBAL INTERNATIONAL LEARNING PROGRAMS AWARD (2019)**

- An award is offered for students participating in a study abroad through Go Global at UBC Okanagan. Award decisions are made on the Go Global International Learning Programs' recommendation in consultation with Enrolment Services.

# MAIN INTERESTS

- Passion for languages and new cultures
- Foreign Policy
- International Affairs and Security

- Team Sports (Volleyball, Soccer)
- Snowboarding, Rock climbing
- Music
- Literature