**Meet a recent  Microsoft Learn Student Ambassador graduate: Rogerio Rodrigues**

Excerpt on the Student Developer home page: Rogerio Rodrigues is the featured student in this new installment of our blog series.

This is the next segment of our blog series highlighting [Microsoft Learn Student Ambassadors](https://studentambassadors.microsoft.com/) who achieved the Gold milestone and have recently graduated from university. Each blog in the series features a different student and highlights their accomplishments, their experience with the Student Ambassadors [community](https://studentambassadors.microsoft.com/), and what they’re up to now.

Today we meet **Rogerio Rodrigues** who is from Brazil and recently graduated from the Universidade Federal de São Paulo with a Masters Degree in Computer Science.

*Responses have been edited for clarity and length.*

**When you joined the Student Ambassador community in 2012 as an undergraduate student** **at the Universidade Federal de São Paulo, did you have specific goals you wanted to reach, such as a particular skill or quality? How has the community helped you achieve them?**

I had some goals like learning to speak in public because i was very shy and I'd like to contribute to public events for Student Partner Program.

I also wanted to go deeper into Microsoft technologies like Microsoft Azure , DevOps and Mobile Development with Xamarin, and I had a dream to work at Microsoft as an employee.

The community helped me a lot with these goals. I learned public speaking and became a MBA technical trainings Teacher . I learned a lot about Microsoft technologies, received recognition in the technical community, and became a Microsoft Most Valuable Professional (MVP).

I am pleased to have been part of the community, which undoubtedly contributed the most to my professional history In the Student Partner and after Student Ambassador Program were my career watershed.

**As a Student Ambassador, what were the accomplishments that you’re the proudest of and why?**

In 2018 and 2019, together with other Student Ambassadors and Microsoft MVPs , we created an Student Partner initiative called Natal Nerd where we were able to collect gifts, toys and cash as donations to help orphans and at social risk children's Christmas. Several Student Partner events and lectures about Microsoft technologies at universities with, coworkings and companies in São Paulo and the ticket was a toy to donate.

With this action, we took knowledge to 23 universities in the country and reached more than 2,500 students and professors, disseminating and sharing knowledge about the Microsoft technologies ecosystem and Imagine CUP. We were also able to collect gifts to make the Christmas of more than 800 children different.

Lastly, in 2019 and 2020, I was chosen to go to the Microsoft Student Partner Summit and the Imagine Cup Final because of my contributions. The year 2019 was amazing, an opportunity that I will never forget because it was very valuable to me. In 2020 it happen virtually and I was very happy to have received the recognition, I loved it!

Last and most important of my professional career in the year 2021 I became a Customer Engineer at Microsoft, assigned to serve large public sector banking clients. It reminded me of a conversation I had with Pablo inside the Microsoft Reactor Shuttle to the Seattle Hotel where he asked me what my professional dreams or next steps were. I said that I had a dream of becoming a Microsoft employee, but I had already tried twice and I didn't pass the interviews. So he had told me that this wouldn't be difficult for me today, that I should try again and review what points needed improvement to pass. And that's what I did.

In 2019, another ex-Student Ambassador, now also a Customer Engineer at Microsoft, and I delivered 11 technical events with 4 talks at 8 universities in Brazil with the help of MVPs at the Microsoft Student Partners Tech Days with between 60 and 80 attendees *[Ed. note: Microsoft Student Partners is the former name of the Microsoft Learn Student Ambassadors program].* We delivered 4 talks in other countries such as Peru, Nicaragua, Colombia and Mexico with the help of other Student Partners.

In fact, being part of the Student Ambassador program made me a better professional, I developed new soft skills and learned a lot about other cultures.

In addition I created a Student Ambassador Latam youtube channel and Meetup group with more than 2 thousand subscribers.

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmbg8KGKWJpiyn2OHyq2iBg>

Meetup Group: <https://www.meetup.com/pt-BR/Microsoft-Student-Partners-Latam/>

**What are you doing now that you’ve graduated?**

After my graduation i've started my Doctorate program in Computer Science with a focus on Environmental Science and weather satellites where i'm special student, like a part time. After completing my doctorate, I plan to do a post-doc and become a Ph.D. in my line of research, continue to teach at universities, and contribute to science.

**If you could redo your time as a Student Ambassador, is there anything you would have done differently?**

The only thing I would do differently would be to study more English right away when I joined the community in order to communicate more easily with other Ambassadors around the world. Learning to speaking English better made a big difference for me in 2019 when I was at the MSP Summit for the first time because I learned new technical content with the content offered in Microsoft Reactor, while participating in MS Build which was AMAZING, I met many people, other Ambassadors, other cultures and amazing Student Ambassador Program Team. I loved the path I took so far and what comes next.

**If you were to describe the community to a student who is interested in joining, what would you say about it to convince him or her to join?**

If you desire to be an off-the-curve and fully differentiated professional, you should apply for and actively contribute to the Ambassadors program.

In addition to receiving special treatment in the Student Ambassadors community, you will have access to a lot of technical information. You will have the opportunity to network with people from all over the planet. You will have contact with Microsoft professionals where you can find excellent opportunities.

Furthermore, the community helps you have a much broader view of technology than just Microsoft technologies, as you will have contact with different areas and have the opportunity to work on fantastic projects.

**What advice would you give to new Student Ambassadors?**

Actively participate in the Program. Join other Ambassadors in Leagues or groups to create initiatives. It's fantastic, and you learn a lot. Make contact with other Ambassadors as you will experience different cultures, practice languages, learn more technology, and perhaps contribute your knowledge to other Ambassadors. Actively contribute to your local community, promote content at your university. These actions will help you to secure your knowledge further and develop new skills. The Program is a sea of opportunities.

**What is your motto in life, your guiding principle?**

My motto in life is “Be different, help lift but not drop” .

Not following the herd effect I believe we came out of the box. And helping those we can help will bring us great experiences and we will be doing our part in making the world better.

**What is one random fact about you that few people are aware of?**

I'm a big fan of Star Wars. I have a big tattoo on my back that’s the design of an X-Wing spaceship with the 3 characters I like: Luke, Leia. and Rey Skywalker.

Good luck to you in the future, Rogerio!

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