



Colin C. Wells

Well traveled student transfers to Temple

Colin Wells grew up in Washington Township, NJ, located just outside of Philadelphia, PA. He enjoyed a typical suburban New Jersey childhood. Most of his family and friends had never left the Philadelphia area and Colin seemed to be on the same path. This, however, would not be the case.



Colin Wells moved to the Florida Keys during High School

Before the start of his sophomore year of high school, his family moved to the Florida Keys to pursue a business in real estate. Colin was forced to adapt to the drastic change in lifestyle. He had come from the fast paced Northeast and was now living in the eccentric

and laid back Florida Keys. After a short transition period, Colin was able to embrace his new home and appreciate his new surroundings.

Following his graduation from high school in May of 2005, Colin decided to continue his education at Florida State University, located in Tallahassee, FL. Tallahassee was a more traditionally Southern city than he was used to. But Colin was able to adapt to his new surroundings once again, enjoying the hospitality of the college town. He would major in Sport and Recreation.

After taking a break from his studies in order to

travel and work in Central America, Colin chose to resume his college career in a location with more career opportunities. He decided Philadelphia would be an ideal market to finish his college career.

While researching the local universities, Colin came across Temple University. He was very impressed with the Sport and Recreation program and its emphasis on professional experience. Colin applied and was accepted to Temple University in December 2008. He began his Temple career in January 2009 and is scheduled to graduate in August 2010.

Student Gains International Experience

Colin Wells was fortunate enough to have a the unique opportunity to live and work in a foreign country. Colin's parents are real estate investors who purchased a bed and breakfast located in mountain town of Boquete, Panama. The lodging was called Hostal Boquete. During the summer and fall of 2008, Colin lived and worked at

the hostel.

The experience gave Colin a new perspective on life. He was able to experience a different language and culture. He was forced to adjust to his new environment. Colin, who spoke very little Spanish, struggled with the language barrier. There were many instances in which he grew

frustrated with his inability to communicate.

But Colin was able fight through the rough patches and gained a new appreciation for the Panamanian culture. By the time he left, he had grown quite fond of Boquete. He strongly encourages others to travel internationally and experience new cultures.

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Special points of interest:

- Adaptability key for Transfer Student
- International point of view