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Attualmente frequenta il Berklee College of Music di Boston negli Stati Uniti e ci ha mandato questo scritto:

“**T**here is a common desire that fellow students of every high school usually share: being finally done with school and to go to college, or university. To go to college (in particular for American people) means starting to actually live your own life; it means studying in the field that you like and that you will succeed in; it means to party; it means to find a girlfriend; it means staying away from home for a long time without being forced to do things. Everyone is going to choose a different school according to his aspiration, wishes, dreams, skills. Everyone is going to share however the same excitement before the first day of college.

I first started thinking of moving to the United States to attend an American college about one year ago, when I was offered a really prestigious scholarship at the Berklee College of Music, in Boston MA that covers the tuition expenses. My parents had actually proposed me to take a semester off and to go to another country (Australia seems very popular in this sense) a couple of years ago; however I ended up not taking that offer seriously. Having the opportunity to finally study all day long what you've always dreamed of doing was something really appealing to me, as it was not having your parents constantly monitoring your activities. Though I had not really decided back then: moving involves a lot of issues of any kind (starting with the Visa). In the end the wish to change my life radically prevailed in the end.

Now, after three weeks of school, I can say that I have probably made the right decision. I met incredible musicians and professors, made a lot of friends; some of them are really good friends, starting with my amazing Canadian roommate Anthony.

The course of study I chose is called “music performance”, I'll be receiving a major in four years. It has both music classes and the so-called liberal arts classes, meaning mathematics, English, history, business and others. Those give an aspiring musician as I am a wider educational background than simply being able to play your instrument.

School might be hard at the beginning. Starting to write papers in a language that you've never really used in practice is tricky, as it is talking with people of daily issues that you've never probably run into. I must say however that the cultural background that the Italian Liceo provided me really helped in this situation; I am able to quote European and Latin writers and philosophers; I have an idea - at least - of what western culture is. American students don't spend a lot of time on literary subjects and therefore their thoughts often appear trivial to me. It is nice to get a wider vision of the world. Also I got 100% as a result for the entering proficiency math test (thank you Miss Borello !).

Finally living by yourself, especially if in another country, and even more if this country is placed thousands miles away from your home is the best “life school” that you could ever attend. I'm learning how to look after myself; I improved my cooking abilities. I do the laundry once a week; I tried to iron my clothes too but I'm not really good at it. I'm also more independent, I can go to bed at two every night if I want to (It's not easy to keep this lifestyle for long though).

Do I miss my family, my friends? I do in a certain sense. But there is not a lot of time to chill; Americans are great, girls are pretty and - let's face it- we have Skype nowadays.

So, in my humble opinion: if you have the opportunity to move, do it. You won't regret it and hopefully you'll be back stronger than ever”