

# Profile: Logan Dalglish

## Hometown:

Palmerston North, New Zealand

## Program:

Work USA Plus

## Length of time spent overseas?

2 years!

## Tell us where you lived and what you got up to in the United States?

I lived in a town called Swampscott, in Massachusetts. I couldn't have landed in a better spot! It's right on the Atlantic Ocean and just across the water from Boston – so you get an awesome view of the Boston skyline. Upon arriving, I interned at a Graphic Design Company in Boston – what an amazing experience! (especially after having just graduated with a Degree in Graphic Design back in N.Z.). Also, throughout the first year I worked different bartending jobs. Bartending is very different in the States – lots of Martini's and cocktails to mix up! So, by week three in the States, the first bar I worked at sent me into the 'New England Bar Tendering School' in Boston to become a 'mixologist'. I also bartended at 'The Barking Crab' in Boston during my first summer – a famous hang out, with a big reputation!! Bartending was instrumental in submerging myself in the environment and a great way to meet people! I stayed in America for a further year by jumping onto an 'F1' student visa and studied at Salem State University in Massachusetts. During this time my girlfriend and I took a road trip down to Washington DC, spent the entire summer living and exploring Maine and made lots of expeditions to NYC! We loved it! New England has been an incredible place to live – as it's rich in culture and history and needless to say, the scenery is 'off the hook'!

## How did you find employment in the USA?

I started my job hunt on day three of being in the States. It was bar work initially that I was interested in – so I basically went to every bar around the area to enquire. On the fourth night, my cousin and I decided to go for a drink at a new Martini Bar that had just opened down the road from where I was living and by chance this particular bar was looking for



a bartender and hired me on the spot! I was working on my fifth night in America! I had lots to learn though, which was a little daunting – but with a positive 'can do' attitude I was rocking after a few shifts.

## What are your three favorite memories?

Firstly, that would have to be exploring NYC. I spent so much time there – probably one of my favorite places on the planet – the energy of that place is incredible! In contrast to the pace of NYC – our summer spent in Maine was a trip! Thirdly, to be perfectly honest, just the amazing people I have met – from all walks of life and the experiences this opens you up to. Just living in Boston on a whole – getting a vibe for how the city functions and soaking up as much of the Boston way of life as possible – it's been a trip, it's been home.

## Were there any hard times?

Absolutely. It can be a little rough when being submerged into a different culture – but when times get tough you just work through it. Meeting my girlfriend was the best. She is a Boston girl and being with her definitely helped to make me feel more 'grounded' with the American way of life.

## What is something unexpected/different/strange about the USA compared with other places you have lived?

As one of many positives, the way Americans celebrate everything, which I think is great – from Easter to July 4th, to the way Fall is celebrated - Halloween, Thanksgiving! Americans have plenty of spirit and know how to get involved – there's no doubt. 'Tailgating' was a complete new experience to me!



WORKING ADVENTURES WORLDWIDE

How did you find employment in the USA?

Being friendly and word of mouth.

Do you have any advice for someone who wants a American adventure?

Head in the direction of IEP and get the ball rolling. Know what it is that you want to check out in America and just 'make it happen'. Turn up with the right attitude and give it heaps. There's a lot of people over here – so standing out from the crowd is essential – the Kiwi accent is great for this!!

Has working in the USA benefited your career work experience?

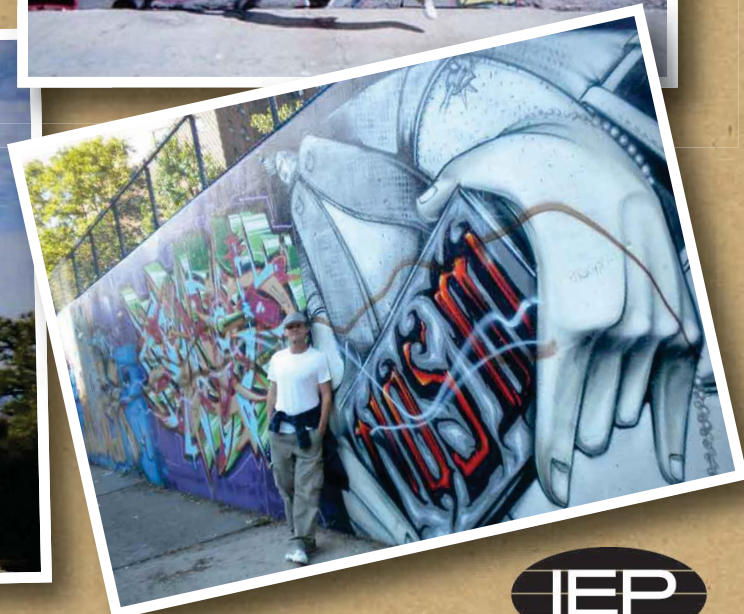
Without a doubt. My Internship at the Graphic Design company was golden and the experience I've taken from there is huge. It's been fantastic to see the way things 'tick' from the American perspective. Also to further my education in the States and to go through the American education system has been very beneficial. I feel now that I have the best views from both worlds. Boston has been a great place to be based, as it's such a 'go ahead' city in so many ways – with technology especially.

What did you find valuable in going to the USA on an IEP program?

When arriving on a 'J1' visa (with Work USA Plus) - It eliminates so many issues and makes the experience nice and smooth. Life over here can indeed be very complicated (when not a citizen) – but being on the 'Work USA Plus' program makes it smooth sailing. Thumbs up! In my opinion, IEP is the only way to go.

What next? Where to next?

We're heading back to N.Z and will base ourselves in Wellington where we'll set up camp and settle down for a while. I'm sure the wealth of experiences from the last two years will be a great foundation to build upon once returning home! An amazing two years that I'll never forget!



WORKING ADVENTURES WORLDWIDE