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How Many Official Visits Did You Take?

- 4

What were the most important features of the college you chose, such as division, conference, coaches, teammates, majors, minors, etc.?

- I personally had a desire to swim Division 1 in college. I believe the coaches and teammates are also extremely important, as those are the people you will be spending a huge amount of time with over the next 4 years. As far as academics, my college had the major I was looking for, so it was a good overall match for me.

What were some important things you learned from your visits?

- On my visits, I met many people that I still keep in touch with, even those who I will not be swimming with in college next year. I learned a lot about each of the schools I visited, and I had an awesome time on each visit. I'd say a good skill people take away from visits is how to connect with people from totally different places in the country, or even out of the country, that you may not easily relate to. This is obviously an important life skill.

How Important Was Academic Major In Your Choice Of School?

- I am majoring in business. This was very important in my college choice, as some colleges had undergraduate business schools and others did not. I made sure the colleges I chose for official visits had the major I was looking for.

Did the Size of the School Factor Into Your Decision?

- For me, the size did not really factor into my decision at all. I know the size of the school matters to many people, but I didn't really have a huge preference.

When Did You Begin Researching College Swim Programs?

- Sophomore Year

What Advice Would You Give To Rising Seniors With Regard To Recruiting?

- Definitely fill out a lot of questionnaires. This is helpful to get you on the radar for college coaches, even for reach schools. It's impossible for college programs to find every person across the U.S. that has a chance of swimming or has an interest in swimming at their school. You have to do some self-advertising in a way.