

shortages and water extremes. So we're seeing more intense rainfall here, as well as alternating with droughts, that's even more serious in places like Central America and Africa that don't have the same kind of infrastructure that we do. A social entrepreneurship is able to put tools in the hands of local communities to allow them to be able to withstand those stresses and provide those kinds of resources to their members of these communities.

Aidan O'Neill:

So that's a perfect example of what I was doing this last summer, me and two other students, an [environmental sciences](#) major and a [public health](#) major, the three of us went to Nicaragua, which is part of the Central American dry corridor, part of the 5 countries in Central America

there talking to both the employees of the nonprofit, employees of other nonprofit organizations that dealt with water that are in the country, and then with members of the community; what issues is water causing for you in your family, and then what would you like to see? We already

You know, basically have an area of expertise and then go abroad. Basically, it showed me that I'm not quite ready for that but that it's definitely something that I want to keep as a theme of my career.

j:

Well I wish you luck sir, and I'm sure in the decades to come you'll look back at this experience as a pivotal one. As you know, from just four years ago, young men and women all over the world have to make the decision about which college to go to, just as you did! And you know, they potentially want to live the types of experiences that you have, what advice do you have for them you know, at that moment of decision?

Aidan O'Neill:

I would say that, for me personally, I was considering a lot of statistics. I would say definitely look at those numbers, but then kind of put them in the back of your mind, and then just imagine yourself you know, walking around with a backpack on the campus, imagine yourself waking up there every morning. Don't just imagine yourself in the classroom, because that's the easiest thing to do. Imagine graduating and looking for a job in the area and maybe setting down a couple roots there. So just imagine kind of the whole picture, because four years is a long time and you're gonna-- it's gonna be almost a fifth of your life by the time you're done, so just kind of imagine kind of everything else, you're getting the whole package here.

j:

Great advice, not getting stuck in all the stats but really just envisioning yourself in-- yeah, you know like you said, you know what you call your second home and possibly the place that you live for years afterwards. Gentlemen, thanks again for your time here with us on Life Invented, the world needs more Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship fellows in it. Aidan, good luck on graduation and beyond, and Keith, thanks man, thanks for continuing to produce the world's next great social entrepreneurs. Thanks y'all.

Aidan O'Neill:

Thank you j.

Keith Warner:

j, good stuff.

Eddie Kelinsky:

My name is [Eddie Kelinsky](#), and I am the Assistant Director for Undergraduate Admissions, and I invite you to invent the life you want to lead, and go Broncos!

Narrator:

