



Life IN THE *Biltmore*

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**MEET
James, Erin,
Kelly and Brody**

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JAMES, ERIN, KELLY (5) AND BRODY (3)



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FAMILY MEMBER NAMES: James, Erin, Kelly (5) and Brody (3)

PETS: Just a whole lot of teddy bears and stuffed animals.

PROFESSION(S): Erin is a college admissions consultant and owner of Going Ivy (GoingIvy.com), working with high school students to get into their dream schools.

James is an attorney on the management committee of Fennemore Craig.

FAVORITES

ACTIVITIES/HOBBIES: We have fond memories of traveling and riding our tandem bike on the weekends. No time for that anymore—but we wouldn't have it any other way! These days we're introducing the kids to different activities and watching what they take to. They love bikes, dancing, swimming, tennis, soccer, cars, hiking, treasure hunting and the list goes on and on.

PARK/PLAY AREA/HANG OUT: We love walking to Granada Park or the main lawn of the Arizona Biltmore. The kids also love Kachina Park. In the summer, we'll be at the library, splash pad at the Orchard, or anywhere with air conditioning.

RESTAURANTS: Federal Pizza, Mexx32, Fat Ox, Hava Java and anywhere new.

VACATION DESTINATION: Hawaii, Las Vegas, La Jolla, Marana -- anywhere!

SPORTS TEAMS: Green Bay Packers, and any team from Santa Clara University, Mizzou, Harvard and UCLA.

TV SHOW/MOVIE: *Sofia the First* and *Paw Patrol* (for Kelly and Brody), *House of Cards*, *Survivor* and anything CNN for James and Erin. Erin also can't stop watching *The Bachelor*. We love a good documentary like *Somm*, *Sour Grapes*, *First Position*, *Twinsters* and *Weiner*.

MUSIC: 90s on 9, 80s on 8, and Lithium.

FAMILY DINNER: Turkey chili, chicken cacciatore, chicken and spinach puffs, taco nights.

DO YOU HAVE ANY FAMILY TRADITIONS?

Because Erin helps kids master the SAT, she uses her SAT vocab apps to teach the little ones a new vocab word every morning.

The kids are building quite the vocabulary! The Christmas tree goes up the first weekend after Halloween, and the kids can't come out of their rooms on Christmas morning until James plays the trumpet. And all major life accomplishments are celebrated with gelato!

WHAT COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY DID YOU ATTEND?

We both went to Santa Clara University for undergrad. Then James went off to Harvard Law School and Erin to University of Missouri Journalism School for her master's degree. To further polish her nearly decade of college admissions experience, Erin's also now getting a post-master's certificate in college admission counseling from UCLA (taking full advantage of those online classes!). They also visit schools, whenever possible, where Erin's high school student clients have been admitted, including Stanford, Harvard and virtually every other top school in the country.

WHERE ARE YOU ORIGINALLY FROM?

James is a Phoenix native. Erin practically is: she moved here when she was 5 from Milwaukee.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD?

3.5 years. We moved in a few months before Brody was born.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO TO RELAX?

Relaxing with two young kids is not always possible, but our walks in the neighborhood or along the canal are great for quality time. We all love a good dance party after a long day, too.

HOW ARE YOU INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY?

With Erin devoting her career to helping college dreams come true, the passion for anything school related seeps through the whole family. We're particularly partial to volunteering as much as possible at St. Thomas the Apostle, Camelback Christian School, Brophy and Xavier (James and Erin met at BCP/XCP almost 20 years ago as students). James is also a board member for the National Kidney Foundation of AZ.

IF YOU HAVE KIDS, WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE THEY INVOLVED WITH?

Kelly and Brody are amazing swimmers thanks to Hubbard Swim School. Kelly loves her dance class at Dance Theater West and tennis lessons. Brody, although a little young, is eyeing soccer and tennis himself.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT LIVING IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

We love how close it is to everything. We feel healthy, urban and more connected when we walk to our regular work and play destinations.



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