



# NYC MINUTES

## SMALL TOWN KIDS MEET BIG CITY CROWDS

By Sara Marie Berrett



**NIGHT LIGHTS** As cars rush by, the group admires the skyline from the Brooklyn Bridge. The students took a hike out onto the bridge to see the amazing lights of Manhattan. "It was incredible to see that even when it started getting dark, the city only grew brighter and louder," senior [Lilly Thurman](#) said. (Photo by Laura Kubena)

With eyes peeled and name tags dangling in the wind, a group of journalism, fine arts, and band students take in the atmosphere of the Big Apple. The cotton gin and single four-way-stop found in East Bernard was quickly replaced with the crowds of people, bright lights, and skyscrapers of New York City.

"I had never seen so many cultures crammed into one spot," sophomore [Callie Kopecky](#) said.

The goal of the trip was to

expose kids that are involved in journalism, fine arts, or band to different cultural backgrounds and experiences in things that they enjoy doing.

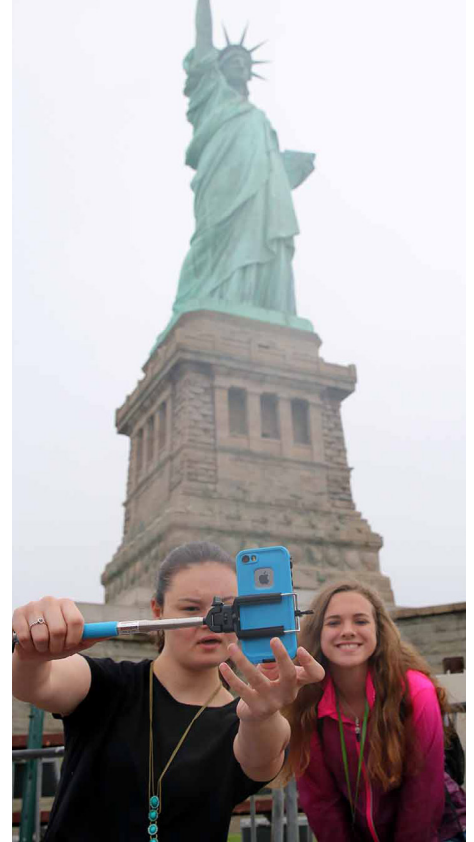
"It was great seeing a mixed group of kids come together for their specific interests to experience something that not many people actually get to do," band director [Kenny Peters](#) said. "It was getting the best of both sides of New York with the mix of big tourist attractions and local places."

The group was able to explore a wide variety of famous New York City landmarks, from the Statue of Liberty and Empire State Building to Times Square. Seeing the Broadway show "Finding Neverland", starring Matthew Morrison, was geared toward the band and theatre students, while visiting the Metropolitan Art Museum interested the art kids. Needless to say, with all of the different cultures and activities found in the Big Apple, there was something for everyone on the trip.

**'BIG' KIDS** In front of the famous F.A.O. Schwarz toy store, senior **Sara Marie Berrett** has a ball with some real-life dolls. The store closed its doors for good just weeks after the tour. "F.A.O. Schwarz was at the heart of the magic found in New York," Berrett said. "It brought out the child in me, and just like NYC itself, made me feel like I could do anything." (Photo by Laura Kubena)



**SUBWAY SURFERS** Just before completing their day, students and adults alike experience a new type of travel unique to New York City. Millions of people frequented the subway system's 230-mile route every year. "It was interesting to get to experience something that was so familiar to people from the area, but so foreign to me," sophomore **Claudia Zapalac** said. (Photo by Laura Kubena)



1 As they take a moment for a picture, the group enjoys the scene in Times Square. "I would describe Times Square as this organized chaos because everyone had a place to be, but there were people in every direction," sophomore **Claire Coker** said. 2 Only a few blocks from Times Square, students smile in front of the theater after experiencing their first Broadway musical. "Seeing *Finding Neverland* was my favorite memory because everything about it was flawless," senior **Katelynn Leonards** said. (Photos by Laura Kubena)

**BUT FIRST...** With their selfie stick out and ready, sophomores **Addie Evans** and **Claudia Zapalac** attempt to take the perfect selfie in front of the Statue of Liberty. "I could see why people called New York 'the city that never sleeps,'" Evans said. "Everything was overwhelmingly in your face all of the time, and the Statue of Liberty was no exception." (Photo by Laura Kubena)

## LOST & (MOSTLY) FOUND with sophomore Evan Delgado



### EARPHONES

He had no idea how or where he lost his earphones, but one thing was certain: they were gone. This was just the start of his trip.



### BACKPACK

After setting down his bag on the steps of a church, it was never seen again. A voice mail left on his phone months later suggests it was actually left at Five Guys Restaurant.



### 2 CHARGERS

Shortly after buying a charger to replace the first one, this second charger became a victim as well.



### RETAINER

His retainer was found on the ground at Ellis Island. How he managed to find it: no one knows.



### HIS MIND

After losing or almost losing most of his belongings in New York, Delgado eventually just lost his mind.

Every time Delgado thought that he lost something, he ran through a mental checklist. "Touches pocket. Heart drops. Looks up. Looks down. Looks around frantically. Tries not to cry. Cries anyway," Delgado said.

(Photos by Sara Marie Berrett)