

The New York Experience From Our Students

Erin F. says;

"New York is the center of everything fashion in the United States. NYC has the benefit of getting all the latest trends in hair, makeup and clothes that come from Europe. My experience in NYC was positive and extremely motivational. The first day we were there we all experienced some of the sites. My group and I went to Central Park and Times Square to explore the city. For me, however, the true connection was made when we met Joseph "Joe" DiMaggio and Jessica "Jay" Vosper.

The first day with Joe and Jay was super packed with information about the city and the sites. We walked as they pointed out local art, shops, and eateries. We also went to the 9-11 Memorial, which in and of itself was moving. I didn't think I was going to be that affected by it, but once I saw it, I had goose bumps. Later that night, we all met up at Dop Dop Salon and took a class with Joe and Jay. Jay taught us all about color and techniques such as the Balayage technique and the Ombre technique. Joe on the other hand, was all about the hair styling and hair sculpting techniques. The things they taught and introduced blew my mind. It made me hungry for more knowledge and confirmed my choice on going into Cosmetology.

The second day we all visited the L'Oreal Professional Academy Research and Innovation Labs. I learned a lot and I was never afraid to ask questions. We toured the product and color labs where they test the products and make them as well.

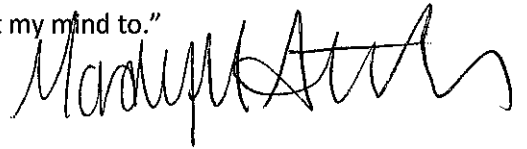
The third day we all split into groups to explore the city or go shopping. I went with Jay to Brooklyn. She brought us to boutiques and gave us a mini tour of the city of Williamsburg, Brooklyn which is where she lives. Later that night, we had class at the L'Oreal Academy in SoHo. Joe and Jay were so inspiring once again. They influenced and encouraged me to pursue my dreams and even move to New York City. Everyone we met had positive energy about them. A part of that had to do with the fact that they love what they do. "If you love what you do for a living, you'll never have to work a day in your life."

In conclusion, the experience was humbling and opened my eyes to new adventures and rekindled my fire and passion to be successful. I learned to always push myself further and keep practicing my art."

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Maddy S. says;

"When you think of New York you think of big city, lights, fashion, and shopping. New York for me is all of those and so much more. It was indeed fashion, but also inspiration, the people, and the trends. New York gave me so much inspiration and knowledge I didn't know existed. When traveling, I thought of all the things we would learn by taking this class and having a once in a lifetime experience. The classes with Joe and Jay were incredible and I learned so much from them such as different techniques in coloring, cutting, and styling. I know I can take everything I've learned and put it into what I know. The classes gave me confidence to try new things and help me get out of my box. Jay and Joe were such amazing teachers and people. Their stories about where they came from and what they did with the opportunities they were given gave me hope. Hope to try new things, hope to go new places, and hope to be something great. Seeing where they get their inspiration from around the city made me realize I can get inspiration from anywhere. They made me realize you can do anything you set your mind to and never be afraid of trying new things and doing something big. I loved every moment and every experience I went through on the trip and know I can do anything I set my mind to."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maddy S.', with a stylized, flowing script.

Jennifer S. says;

"At first I had no idea what to expect, but I am so thankful for this experience. It was beyond anything I had ever dreamed of. I met some great people, students, as well as speakers and I will never forget them. This experience taught me to never lose hope in my dreams, to wish beyond belief, and to work what I deserve to have in life. I was so inspired that by the end I didn't want to come home. Overall, the trip was outstanding and I would not have changed a thing about it."