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WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 22



We landed at LaGuardia NYC around 11 am, where we all immediately grabbed taxis to head to our hotel, the Double Tree in Chelsea. Chelsea is a little division of New York City where tons of art galleries are located – appropriate for our group. We all went our separate ways after unpacking: some went to visit AIGA shows and our group went to the Chelsea Market, the High Line, and strolled through some of the local galleries.



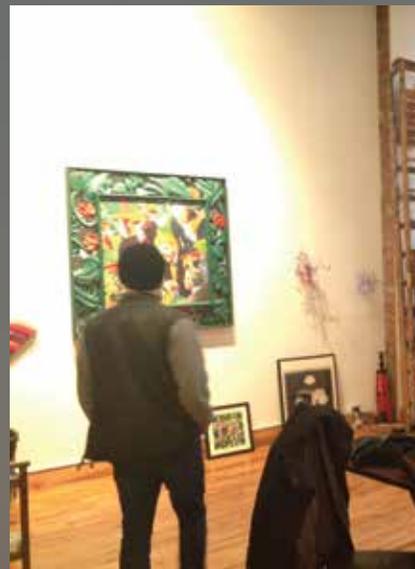
One of our best friends on the trip was the HopStop App. We basically just ran around Chelsea in circles then plugged in our hotel's address in and the app directed us back where we belonged based on what subways were currently running.

About a month before we left, Lauren managed to talk just about everyone into purchasing tickets for a concert at Terminal 5, which was in a unique neighborhood known as Hell's Kitchen. Most had their own plans for dinner, which made it much easier to grab something on the way to the concert.

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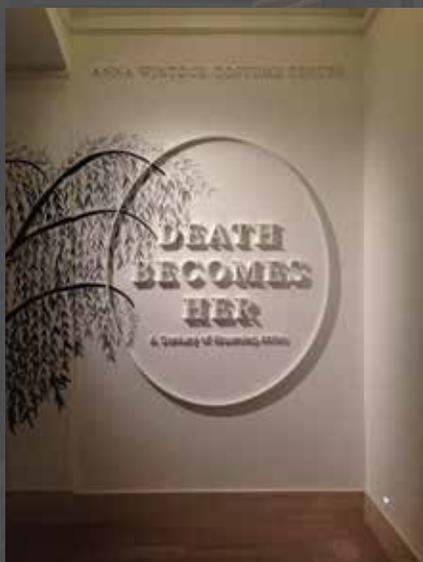
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THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 23



We met downstairs in the lobby before heading to Ed McGowin and Claudia DeMonte's apartment in the SoHo / Tribeca area. These two were incredible artists who opened their doors to 15+ soaking wet Mississippians. Ed is famous for his 12 personas, each representing a different form of great art ranging from plastics to oil painting to wooden sculptures. Claudia is known for her sculptures reflecting women's roles in society.

After grabbing a bite at a nearby bakery, we headed to the Metropolitan Museum of Art for the afternoon. One of our favorite exhibits was the popup Anna Wintour Costume Center featuring a century of mourning attire.



We had a short break between leaving the MET and our planned networking dinner for the evening. Most went back to rest their feet and clean up before meeting at *Vise Versa* for dinner. *Vise Versa* is a really cool restaurant located near Times Square where we gathered with several different alumni from Mississippi State that have recently moved to the NYC area.

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FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 24



We woke up early to head to Brooklyn to meet Jessi Arrington, from StudioMates, and tour her new studio. Jessi is a Mississippi State alumni who moved to the Brooklyn area with no plan in the world other than to design. She was so encouraging for all of us about to graduate. Through her super fun personality and story, we all felt more at ease leading up to graduation.

Through Jessi's neat connections, we were able to go to Hyperakt and talk with DeRoy Peraza for a little bit. He was so laid back and answered a lot of our questions about interviewing for design jobs. Both Jessi and DeRoy recommended we eat at the new Whole Foods down the street. When in Rome, do as the Roman's do – it was delicious.



Friday afternoon, a group of about 8 of us went to visit the 911 Museum and Memorial. Pictures don't do this place justice. We spent a little over 3 hours when we could've easily spent an entire day.

After the museum, we had dinner in Chinatown and spent the night touring around Times Square.

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SATURDAY,  
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We had a tour booked at the Museum of Modern Art at 11am. Not only did MOMA house incredible art, but the building itself was a piece of art. Our tour was finished around noon, but we spent the rest of the afternoon seeing all 7 levels of this incredible museum. We really enjoyed the works by Jackson Pollock, Andy Warhol, and the Henri Matisse Cut-Out popup exhibition.



GAME DAY! Thanks to a few Mississippi State alumni, we knew about this really cool bar, Bar 515, that is rented out on gamedays for all bulldogs. Kickoff was at 3pm, which we barely missed, but throughly enjoyed networking and meeting a ton of people in our same shoes, all while enjoying our win over Kentucky.

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Sunday was our last day and the only day without plans. We traveled to Brooklyn where we met up with a friend for lunch at the Meatball Shop, before basically getting Ebola from the NYPD. Trying to play it safe, we headed to Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum on Times Square.

Before catching our flight back to Mississippi, we stopped at our favorite four story store, Forever21.

