



Sophomore Danielle Kass: A New York girl in love with Mizzou

The recipient of the 2010 MizzouNYC scholarship seems to be doing well at our home campus. When asked how her first year as a Tiger went, she replies, "My first year at Mizzou was AMAZING." She says the campus is beautiful and the community at her dorm, Mark Twain, made her feel at home immediately. She lucked out with mostly smaller class numbers, making it easy for her to get to know her professors and embrace their challenges, turning to new classmates and friends to work through everything.

Danielle got involved pretty quickly in activities. She's already published 28 articles and 4 blog posts as a [staff writer for The Maneater](#). And she's looking forward to being a facilitator for the [You in Mizzou program](#), which holds discussions promoting diversity on campus.

Danielle is planning to double major in Russian and journalism, concentrating on Strategic Communications. She's eager to continue her studies in Russian as she began learning the language in high school and loved it. She's also both excited and nervous about her upcoming pre-journalism classes, J2100 honors (cross-culturalism) and J2000 (news). She says, "The two I'm taking are really challenging, but I think they're going to be really rewarding." [The Journalism School now requires [12-13 hours of pre-journalism classes](#) by the end of your sophomore year.] Outside of being accepted to the J-School, Danielle hasn't set too many long-term goals, but she definitely wants to study abroad, most likely in London.

Since the spring semester ended in May, Danielle has been working at a clothing store here in New York and taking online classes through MU. She doesn't have any friends from here that have gone to Mizzou or plan to apply. She thinks that "most of [her] friends aren't willing to go this far from home, or they don't understand how amazing the programs at Mizzou actually are."

It's clear that Danielle is making the most of her university experience and taking advantage of everything Mizzou has to offer. She offers fellow scholarship applicants the following advice: "Get involved with anything you can and talk to as many random people as possible. Push your limits and go out of your comfort zone — you never know what you'll end up finding." We could all do well to follow her advice here in New York as well.