

# Chase Engle

I lost myself in the crowd, I didn't know where I was but I didn't care.

Culture is very important to me, knowing what other people's lives are like and how their idea of a normal day or a normal experience is different than mine.

I went to China with the schools with my chinese class which is one of my favorite experiences so far, I got to see the world they live and their cities and their people and what they do on a daily basis, we got to see the government in affect and the history some of their oldest cities have. We got to see what people's lives were like there. And I think that was really cool. Because they have such a different lifestyle than us.

I love foreign cultures, I think are really cool. Because I think a lot of people nowadays close their mind on one mindset. So I think it's very cool to go out there and explore something that somebody else's lived by for their entire life. You just get to experience with them, and they get to show you what their life is. "The crowds were just a bunch of hippies you could say, they were all so loving caring and were so nice, you could go up to a group you've never met and just hang out and meet so many people you've never even met."

We also got to go to chinese shows where they played music because that ties in with me more because I love music, it's a very big part of my life, I've learned many instruments since I was young and I've always grown up listening to it, if you ever see me in the halls I usually have my headphones in.

I got into playing the piano and I've been playing for five years now. And I got into it because my grandpa, who is 82 now, he stopped playing, he couldn't play anymore about five years ago. He has arthritis in his fingers. And he was still, like, slowly starting to turn deaf. But I would go over, I would hit notes for him. And he could put his hand on the piano and tell me exactly what the notes where you can come by. So him and my parents have always shown me a lot of music growing up and I've been in love ever since.



I've learned 3 more instruments since then with guitar, ukulele, and even smaller instruments like the harmonica. I saved up my money for a few months and bought an electronic beat maker so I could learn how to make beats and then I could play chords and make stuff I like. I go to a bunch of concerts usually, not for like classical music or anything, "I just saw Tyler, the Creator early september and TokiMonsta last summer, but the coolest music experience for me was Electric Forest".

Where you get to go and experience many different crowds and a whole bunch of different people who are there and you get to be nice with everyone. Their culture and their way of life was the coolest like hippies from the 70's, they didn't conform they loved nature and they learned how to respect everyone despite their thoughts, which everyday people can learn from.

They focus on solving current day problems too, they raised a fundraiser for global warming and raised half a million dollars in 10 years. I was talking to them and they told me, "We spend every year out here for months, life is so short, and we find the best ways to spend it." That was something that I thought was really beautiful.

