

"My students have largely been unable to take advantage of the many cultural experiences Manhattan has to offer, despite having the world's most busy and bustling city right on our doorstep, due to financial hardship. But theatre has always had the power to change hearts, encourage reflection, and learn about the world. One student said it was the best thing we engaged with all year. Every time they engage with theatre, they love it -- we just need more opportunities to do so cheaply."

Natalie Rynczak

East Bronx Academy for the Future

"I work with majority immigrant students. The Broadway experience is always breathtaking for them."

Judy Valerio

Hillcrest High School

"It is so vital. Last year, when I took students to Mean Girls using Broadway Bridges, they were in awe. Several saved their programs, and ALL of them told me they now thought about how they could have a career in theatre differently from acting to designing to stage crew. It is so important that students get to see what is out there and that they can be a part of it."

Erin Moughon-Smith

Urban Assembly Bronx Academy of Letters

"When students experience Broadway, their grades improve because they want to continue getting this opportunity"

Karen Davis

Ralph R. McKee High School

"It makes them more well rounded and opens a new world to them"

Andrea Lingstuy

Queens Tech High School

"Exposure to the arts is enriching to the soul. I think it gives my students who might be interested in the performing arts a window into that world. In the context on "Memphis" specifically, it was a new and innovative way to reinforce students' historical knowledge."

Colin Marshall

Sunset Park High School

Many of my students would not normally have this opportunity to see a Broadway show . I hope in the future we have more options like this."

Beth Hanning

Richard H. Goddard High School

"My students are enlightened. They are able to put themselves in the shoes of others. The students are showing tolerance, and it is making them aware and accepting of different people and ideas."

Patrice Buffaloe

South Richmond High School

"Very inspiring and an important experiential learning opportunity. A bonding experience. So many have never been to a Broadway show. This is a formative moment for them. It creates an important memory for them. It is very special."

Elisabeth Coffey

CSI HS for international studies

"Many of my students have never seen a Broadway show...My students were very grateful for this opportunity. They are excited about the possibility of seeing a show in real life in the future. Broadway Bridges has sparked their interest in theater and they can't wait to discuss the program during class"

Ramona Fittipaldi

The Young Women's Leadership School of East Harlem

"Some have never attended a Broadway play. This will whet their appetite for sure!"

Pamela Tate McMullen

Bedford Academy High School

" My students did not think about Broadway or theatre as a career really seriously until we started to go to shows. They would see the performers onstage (and the work done offstage) and realize for the first time that this is a career path they can pursue. It was so much more valuable than me telling them about it. It made it come alive for them."

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