

## IN THE MIDDLE:

# Help Neva get to Carnegie Hall

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Krueger students continue to amaze the community. I know this because I am a product of the environment. My name is Brandon Daniel II, and I am an eighth grader.

I was proud that one of my class mates, Neva Panayi, was accepted into a performance at the honorable Carnegie Hall. This is a big deal. For those who don't know, Carnegie Hall is a concert venue located in New York City. Carnegie Hall was first



opened in 1891. Many famous artists have performed at this place. Such performers as Judy Garland, the Comets and many others, have stood on that stage.

Neva is in the KMS Honors Choir class. She says she found an invitation prior to an audition. Neva recorded herself singing "The Sky Above" by Ralph V. Williams. Neva is very appreciative that she gets an opportunity to shine. However, the fee for this once-in-a-lifetime trip to travel to New York is \$1,650 plus travel expenses.

However, the Krueger family has decided to help out and contribute \$400. Neva strives to earn the rest of the money; however, she is grateful for any donations received for the trip. She plans to get an approval from different store managers to have tag

days during which she and the choir will advertise and ask for donations.

She also wants the students here at Krueger to help out by paying a dollar to wear jeans instead of uniformed khakis on a special, designated day. The Carnegie Hall participants will be performing from June 24-28. However, the money is due May 30. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase Neva's talent. It's even more exciting knowing one of our own is going to represent not just Michigan City, but Krueger Middle School.

The KMS choir teacher, Ms. Allen, was asked about her reaction to Neva's success, and she replied, "I am so pleased and proud to support Neva in this phenomenal endeavor. I know that she appreciates the privilege of being given the opportunity to perform at one of the most prestigious music venues in the world, and I am confident that she will cherish the event as one of the best in her life."

If you'd like to assist Neva to reach her dream, please send your donations to Krueger Middle School

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