

WHAT'S IN YOUR BACKPACK?

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MARLOWE

Umbrella

The weather in North Carolina is unpredictable, and sudden downpours between classes are basically a rite of passage. I never leave the house without my trusty umbrella, it's the one thing that keeps me from getting caught in the rain on the way across campus.

Tide Pen

You're bound to end up with a food stain on your clothes at some point, usually when you have no time to deal with it. That's when a Tide pen becomes the unsung hero at the bottom of your backpack. A quick swipe and it's like the stain never happened. Magic in pen form.

KAYLA

Agenda

Call me old school, but I love having a physical agenda. I can decorate it with all the stickers I want and color-code my assignments. There's nothing like crossing a task off your list.

Pencil Pouch

Over 20 highlighters, 15 pens and 6 pencils are cramped in here. My favorite is my whale pen, a fidget pen with a whale on top, perfect for writing notes.

LILY

Sewing Kit

You never know when you might need to make a quick fix to your clothes – or someone else's! Minor wardrobe malfunctions can happen at any time. I started carrying this around so that I could sew my pointe shoes in between classes, but it was so handy that I decided to make it a staple in my bag.

Camera

I've carried this Canon Powershot digital camera around with me everywhere since my junior year of high school. I love being able to capture things I see on my walk to class without lugging around a huge camera.

AUTUMN

Spray Sunscreen

As the weather gets much warmer, spray sunscreen to have on hand and reapply is crucial, especially as an avid campus walker. The sun can get scorching hot so make sure to protect your skin!

Hand Sanitizer

Don't underestimate your chances of getting sick in college. A small bottle of hand sanitizer is convenient, it can protect your chances of getting and spreading germs.

SOPHIA

Watermelon Gum

I never leave the house without gum. It's a necessity after an iced coffee or a garlic-heavy lunch. Not to mention, it often helps with focus. However, not just any gum will do. Several years ago, I started chewing watermelon gum after a dermatologist told me mint gum can cause acne breakouts, and to this day, I've never turned back.

Mini Notebook

Picked up from the Baltimore Museum of Art's gift shop, this artfully designed notebook has become a staple in my bag. Inside, you can find a plethora of to-do lists, reminders, shopping lists, and other collections of ideas.

CHASE

Ballpoint Pen

On the rare occasion that I'm presented with paper, I immediately pull out my pearl, ballpoint pen as it represents grace, class and regalness – all things I'm striving to be at the ripe age of 19.

Beat Headphones

There's never a moment where I'm spotted without my gold beat headphones, obnoxiously blasting the newest R&B music. If you ever want to appear mysterious walking around our illustrious campus, then these definitely come in handy. •