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Teen's talk show covers Obama's inauguration live

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Spanish River High School senior Chelsea Krost, 17, created a talk show, Teen Talk Live, and took her program on the road to cover the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

Krost served as the youth reporter for People to People, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting international understanding through travel and educational experiences.

"The feeling of being there for such an historic event is beyond words," Krost said. "It was 7 degrees and we were up at 4 a.m., and I was absolutely bouncing off the walls."

Krost was on the front lines and interviewed notable figures including Mary Eisenhower, granddaughter of the late President Dwight D. Eisenhower; and U.S. News and World Report reporter Ken Walsh.

"She [Eisenhower] is such an amazing woman, and she refers to herself as a peace pusher," Krost said. "She is also very involved with keeping her grandfather's legacy alive and engaging the younger generation in the political process."

Krost's brother, Dylan, 15, also made the voyage and filmed their experiences.

"Being only 15, I'm not the most political person around, but you could not help but be moved by such an inspiring event," he said.

Dylan is also involved with People to People and represented the United States last summer in an international tennis tournament in Holland. Chelsea said she is encouraged by the upswing in political acumen among her peers.

"Young people are absolutely more engaged in the process and seem to genuinely care about the serious issues



TEEN TALK : Chelsea and her brother, Dylan Krost, made a stop in front of the FDR Memorial in Washington, D.C., while on the road covering President Obama's inauguration. Spanish River High School senior Chelsea, 17, took on the road the talk show she created, Teen Talk Live, to allow teens to voice opinions.

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we are all facing," she said.

Chelsea created her radio show in March of 2008, and her goal was to create a safe space for teens to voice opinions and learn from each other's experiences.

"It's an open forum, and we have a lot of fun, but we also talk about serious issues," she said. "There was no outlet for

teens to share problems, and we also have an expert on every show to give professional advice."

Chelsea said she is not sure where her college travels will take her, but she will study communication and wants to keep Teen Talk Live alive.

Dylan is in the process of editing the film, but a few clips

are available online: www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0R13GBRe64&eurl=http://teentalklive.net/

www.youtube.com/watch?v=16ppxmGvwOY&feature=related.

For information about Teen Talk Live, visit www.teentalklive.net.

