

## It Go Down in the DM, and All Over the World

Hi, I'm Ryan, and I have slid into a girl's DM's before.

It started off in fittingly juvenile fashion. Two of my classmates approached me during my high school journalism class. "Hey Pike, [redacted] said she thinks you're cute."

[Redacted]? She was a senior and I was a sophomore. This was crazy. I didn't believe them at first, but by the end of our conversation, I was convinced. I had to talk to her, but I didn't know how to.

So, 15-year-old me slid himself into her Twitter direct messages. Just another simple example of how social media has the power to bring the world together.

<https://twitter.com/supdeeps/status/895135809350680576>

Of course, social media has the ability to bring together more than just two teenagers who might know *of* each other but not actually *know* each other. It's a powerful tool that has brought the whole world closer.

When I studied in Madrid last Fall, it was easier than ever to share photos and details from my trip with everyone who would be interested in seeing them.

<https://twitter.com/RyanPiker/status/796298706865766400>

I didn't have to wait until the trip ended to [share fun photos](#) or write letters home to share details. Instead, I had instant gratification on Twitter and Instagram from friends and family who, in a sense, were experiencing the trip with me. That was pretty cool, especially for my parents who have never left North America. To me, that's a clear illustration of how social media has changed the world and brought it closer together.