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Question	Answer
Dinner for four - you and what other three people (living or deceased)?	Me Aiba Aina, Christopher Sabat and Tom Hiddleston
Best movie, book, TV series?	Best movie is 9, book is Asylum and TV series would probably be American Horror Story
What are you most proud of thus far in your life?	I'm most proud of how far I've come out of my shell and how well I interact with my peers now. I used to be a recluse so I'm extremely proud of the fact that I'm half of an extrovert now. :)
What are your plans after high school? If going to college, what college (if you know) and what do you want to study there?	I'm going to Rowan University to study Computer Science so that one day I can work cyber security for the department of homeland security.
What is your favorite school subject? Why?	English has always been my favorite because I adore reading and writing, and I also love literary analysis.
Who is/was your favorite teacher (could be any teacher, all the way back to grade school even) and why?	Mr. Steltz is my favorite teacher because I love the way he teaches and he is the best! He's really sweet and always ready to help another student with anything that they might need help with.
What person has had the greatest influence on you and why?	I'd have to say that it's a tie for greatest influence between my mother and my best friend Joe Talucci. My mother taught me a lot of hard skills that I don't think I could've learned anywhere else, but also Joe was the one to push me to be more open and honest with my feelings. I really attribute how well I'm doing now to my own efforts and Joe's push.
What is your favorite food?	Spaghetti!
If your life was made into a movie, what actor would you want to play you?	Salma Hayek
What is one thing you cannot live without?	Anime
Where do you see yourself in 10 years?	I see myself working hard towards achieving my dreams of working for the department of homeland security. Possibly helping a business with their security needs and making people feel safe and happy
Parting words - advice for those you leave behind as you spread your wings and move to life beyond HTHS.	Don't be afraid to try new things and interact with people! Life is too short to spend so much time fretting over whether or not you're good enough or if you really want to do it.

