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Greetings everyone! I'm Michael, an undergrad transfer student @ Stanford from the Bay Area. I was born in Mountain View, California in 1998, moved from Palo Alto to Novato at the age of 5, and have been there ever since. I am originally a Philosophy major, receiving my Associates Degree for Transfer in Philosophy from College of Marin before arriving to Stanford in Fall 2023. Now, I am interested in making short films and directing in the indie film scene, majoring in Film & Media Studies @ Stanford with a concentration in Screenwriting. I am also the president of Flying Horse Films (FHF), a student film group on campus, while building community with other student film groups like the Restorative Film Collective (RFC), Stanford Students in Entertainment (SSIE), and Stanford Women In Entertainment & Media (SWEM).

Following Toni Morrison, I want to be an artist to tell the stories I want to see. Filmmaking is collaborative, so I turn this "I" into a "we" -- stories *we* want to see. As a nonbinary queer person, I care about diverse and reflective approaches to documentary and cinematic storytelling. I am interested in the indie film scene in the Bay Area and LA, crafting films with themes of queerness, mental disability, identity, memory, and belonging. Stories that change and challenge us are stories that make the world better and fuller.

Some fun hobbies include: playing guitar, 90s/2000s video games, music listening (prog/post rock, electronic ambience, and rap music), and Magic the Gathering, a trading card game I've been obsessed with since I was 12, roughly 15 years ago.

Excited to chat with you!