

West Coast Best Coast - An Exploration of Identity



CORNELL PODCASTS LAUNCHES NEW PODCAST, STORYTIME, HOSTED BY MIKAYLA STOCK (CLASS OF '25)

ITHACA, February 20, 2024 / In the first episode of the latest Cornell Podcasts (www.cornellpodcasts.com) production Storytime titled “West Coast Best Coast,” host Mikayla Stock introduces the world to Chase McGill, a student at Cornell who chose to uproot his life in Los Angeles, CA to fulfill his academic dreams. Upon settling in at school, Chase discovers the impact that his city had on who he is as a person, and how he struggled through losing that part of himself when he left it for the first time. Storytime is geared towards students aged 18-25, as well as anyone who wishes to learn more about the modern-day college experience.

Chase’s journey is not unique in the sense that many students attend college from out-of-state, but his story reveals the pain of leaving home when you truly love and are deeply connected to the place where you are from. It can be described as a similar loss to that of a limb, and Chase highlights his feelings about it well in his episode: “losing a part of [me] that [I] didn’t even know was so important, but now [I] don’t know what to do without it after my entire life, kind of left me feeling like I was treading water.”

Mikayla Stock is a Cornell student producing a podcast for the first time. She hopes to provide an avenue for college students to share their real, raw, and honest stories as Chase so potently has in this first installment of Storytime. To connect with Mikayla and share your questions or concerns regarding this episode or the pod, please reach out to mms382@cornell.edu, or 845-594-2141. To listen to “West Coast Best Coast” on Spotify and Apple Podcasts, click this [link](#). For more information regarding Storytime, go to www.cornellpodcasts.com/storytime.