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About me
Hi there! I’m Laura and I’m a junior in Communication Arts with an emphasis in Graphic Design, and I’m minoring in both Entrepreneurship and Advertising Design. I am an international student from El Salvador, but I’ve also lived in Nicaragua, Honduras, Savannah, GA, and now Los Angeles! I like books, video games, dancing, karaoke, bad musicals and making new friends!

Why I love Otis
Otis to me is like a home away from home. Everyone is so nice and there’s such a great sense of community, it really feels like a family. Everyone, be it faculty, staff, or students, is super friendly and welcoming so make sure to say hi.

Walking around the different floors on Ahmanson and looking at the great work on the walls always makes me feel happy.

Resources I recommend
• The school offers free counseling services through the Health and Wellness Center! It helped me a lot during my first semester, and it can help you too :)
• The Resource Exchange is great if you are looking weird items and materials to add to your projects

My advice...
• Get to know your classmates. You will be spending 4 years with them and will likely be working with them in the industry.
• Try to stay organized
• Be open to new experiences
• Get to know your student leaders!
• Attend events and make new friends
• Fake it ‘till you make it

Favorite places in LA
• LACMA
• Olvera Street
• Paramount Drive-In
• Grand Central Market
• The Getty Center & Getty Villa

Where to grab a bite
• Cinco (Westchester)
• Irori Sushi (Marina del Rey)
• Roscoe’s Chicken & Waffles (Inglewood)
• Horchateria Rio Luna (Paramount)

Nice views for painting
• Malibu
• LA Zoo
• Huntington Library
• Griffith Observatory
• Walt Disney Concert Hall