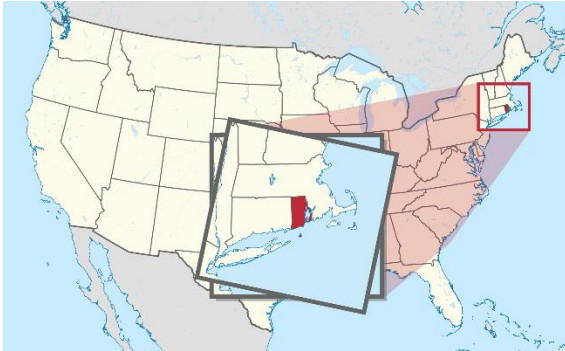


My name is Michael, and I'm from Rhode Island in the United States of America. Hokkaido is Japan's largest prefecture, but Rhode Island is the USA's smallest state.



Rhode Island is famous for coffee milk, Del's lemonade, seafood, and Johnnycakes. Plus, in Newport there are beautiful, old mansions that overlook the Atlantic Ocean.



At university, I studied Italian and Spanish *literature, and I spent one semester living in Bologna, Italy. This is my first year at Takinishi, and I'm very excited to live in and *explore Hokkaido. I love to ski, so I can't wait to try it here. We get a lot of snow in New England, but the skiing isn't as good.



Outside of school, I like to swim, run, read, and write. I also love scary movies and coffee, and if you have questions about either of those things, I could talk about them forever. This year I hope to write stories inspired by Hokkaido's landscape and people.

*literature: 文学 explore: 探検する inspired: 感銘を受けた landscape: 景色