

Bobby Acacio Arts & Sciences Scholarship

If I had to pick anyone to be able to sit down to talk over breakfast with anyone from all of history my first thought was Emily Dickinson. This may be because I was just watching some of the new season of the show based on her life in a more modern take or because I was just reading a poetry book and it reminded me of her. I love poems. Not analyzing them for a class rather for my own enjoyment. I find them comforting in a way so I feel as though Emily Dickinson talked like she wrote where I would feel comfortable having a discussion with her about life over some eggs and toast. I would be able to ask her what it was like in her time period. She was such a great poet but not many got to read her poems until after her death when her sister found her poems in a trunk in her room. Being a woman of that time period she was taken for granted and no one thought a woman could seriously be a writer because women were only seen as objects and were to just become housewives and that is all. Emily Dickinson did so much more. She turned her thoughts and feelings into poems that were so beautiful. You could almost see exactly what she was writing and be able to feel the emotions that she felt that inspired her words. I would want to have the opportunity to ask how she was able to so deeply convey her emotions and get them into words that were so thought-provoking. I feel that I would be very at peace from hearing her talk and explain her process. I could ask her about her life as a recluse and be able to understand what it was like writing day in and day out without much of a life outside of that. I would bring up plants because she was a botanist and see if her love of plant life inspires any new works of art. I would ask her to recite a poem to me so that I can hear it as it should be- directly from the author. She has such highly regarded poems about hope but also ones about death. These two concepts work together in harmony in her works. Whenever I would get down gawking at her and absolutely going crazy with questions I feel as though she would

just make a good companion and friend. Someone that I would be able to just talk to and have a conversation with. Even just thinking about this encounter if I were to be able to have it with her would be astounding. I am not a great writer but I am a good reader and it would complement her ability to speak words that are majestic. It would be like a dream come true for me to have the opportunity to listen to her and have a real conversation with her.