

"One Day in May"

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Describe your day on May 15, 2023. Tell us whatever you'd like at whatever length you'd like. We think future students will especially appreciate hearing about concrete details -- What can you see and hear from where you are right now? What did you do for fun today? Who did you spend time with? Did you cook or eat anything special? Did you work or do chores?

In some ways, May 15 was an ordinary Monday. I was teaching a new course on the Horror Story 1818-1940 and we discussed Oliver Onions classic ghost story "The Beckoning Fair One." But then things got more hectic. My family had not had a Mother's Day gathering for my wife the previous Sunday because my daughter was working as a nurse at Norton Brownsboro Hospital. So for us the 15th was Mother's Day. After class, I blasted home, grabbed a card and plant at Krogers to add to previously purchased presents, grabbed a son at home, and then dashed off to the O'Charley's at Hurstbourne. We had a very pleasant little dinner party for my wife, with three of four children present - one is off at graduate school at the University of Kansas. Following dinner we all headed homeward. My eldest son and I stopped at Barnes and Noble to pick up a Warhammer 40K omnibus about Dark Angels space marines that my youngest son was interested in. Then course prep and to bed.

We'd also like to hear about what learning looks like for you. When you think of the Hanover classes that have mattered the most to you, what do you see? A specific classroom, lab, or studio? your favorite late-night study location? What about lessons learned at Hanover outside of the classroom -- do you see conversations over meals? locker room celebrations? shared community service? the streets of a foreign city during an off-campus class? If you're no longer on campus, what does learning look like now?