



# "One Day in May"

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*Describe your day on May 15, 2021. 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? Did you cook or eat anything special? Did you work or do chores? Who did you spend time with? What did you learn?*

It was Saturday! We had houseguests arrive from Nashville late on Friday night. It's nice to be able to host friends again. Both Bailey and Zack were home with Zack having arrived back on Monday. All of us were vaccinated!

I was up first and made biscuits and sausage gravy for everyone. While the rest of the family cleaned up, I had to pick up dog poop in our side yard from our dogs Fred and Patti.

While Mike has been on campus many times, Noah had not been here since my inauguration in 2015. We spent part of the morning walking around campus, including a stop at Starbucks and a close-up view of the whiffle ball field.

Right when I returned to the house, I had to go over to CFA to deal with staff upset over the drum line's rehearsal. It was a bit frustrating since these students are only doing what we've asked them to do during COVID: stay outside for their activities and clubs. Since their performance was at the Shoe Box for "Rock the Box," I asked them to head that way for further rehearsal with food and drinks on me.

We went to the new Mexican restaurant for lunch and sat on their outdoor porch, and then we took a driving tour of lower Madison. We went by the cotton mill project as Mike is an architect and very interested in that project.

We enjoyed the beautiful weather, sitting on the front porch of the house and admiring the view. We had dinner at the house and stayed up late (for us!) talking with our friends.

*What do you think you'll remember most about surviving the pandemic? Tell us what whatever you'd like at whatever length you'd like. We think future students will especially appreciate memories that help them picture your life and relationships -- Have you taken up any new leisure activities in the last year, or have you changed how you eat, or cook? If you're on campus, what was it like in classrooms or dining spaces or locker rooms or offices? Have you been able to stay in touch with family or friends (including classmates and other Hanoverians)? How? What have you missed the most in the past year?*

It has been a very difficult year for everyone, and stress levels have seemed to be off the charts.

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