



"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?

Today, the 15th day of May, I spent the day at home with my family. Because of COVID I haven't been able to see them very much this year because the restriction of off-campus travel and to stay safe. I have been practicing my lines for a play we are going to perform next week, but the nature of the play is very different because of the pandemic. We have moved our play outdoors to adhere to COVID policies on campus because masks are required in all buildings. We have all been vaccinated so that we can perform the play outdoors without masks. I think it will be a huge success! Nevertheless, today I am taking a break from the restriction and distortion of everyday life that has become so commonplace, and I am reading my lines waiting for change.

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?

This year, I have missed the most the interpersonal quality of daily life that has changed on campus. I have loved the scenic walks outdoors with friends, which have shown me just how picturesque our community really is. It took a pandemic to see that we find unique opportunities to spend time with people we care about. Relationships persevere. And although these relationships have remained, there is still a mist of worry that envelopes each day because of COVID. I long for a time before that fog.

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