



"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?

Saturday, May 15, 2021:

What a difference a year makes! Just a few days ago, we learned that fully vaccinated people could begin to experience the world in a "normal" way again--I'm not sure I know what normal is anymore. We woke up early and enjoyed the sun shining and the birds singing. My son, Wesley, who is 3 now, asked if we could go to the Farmer's Market in Madison. With such excitement for a seemingly normal outing, we packed up our 8 month old, our son, and a stroller, and headed downtown. Our son still happily wears his mask, but my husband and I went without. I felt like I had forgotten a very important piece of clothing, almost like being in a dream where you realize you're in your underwear and begin to panic. Sitting in front of the Broadway Fountain, we enjoyed music by a local artist, and drank fresh juice made by a local vendor. I found myself shocked by how quickly the juice was consumed, and then realized immediately it was because I wasn't taking sips in between pulling my mask down then back up. I feel a hopeful future in front of us, but we're not quite there yet. I am thankful that I did not lose any close friends or family members, and I am grateful my health has been good this past year.

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?

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