



# "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?**

On this Monday morning, I drove through the rain from my Cincinnati apartment in Madisonville to our office in East Walnut Hills. I work for Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services as the Budget and Operations Director. Usually I work from home on Mondays, but today I went into the office for a meeting.

I spent most of the morning and early afternoon fine-tuning a PowerPoint presentation for our Finance Committee that meets semi-annually to review the agency's finances. This committee consists of three Board members as well as several staff. In the meeting, we reviewed the agency's monthly financial statement, projections for the year, and a 10-year cash flow. The meeting went really well; we even received compliments on our financial management practices. After the meeting, I went home, changed into gym clothes, and drove to Trilogy Fitness Systems to work out. My fiancée Megan was in town from Anaheim. For dinner, we had a salad consisting of grilled chicken, goat cheese, dried cherries, diced onion, Texas-style croutons, and light balsamic vinaigrette. It was delicious, though Megan would've preferred feta cheese to goat cheese.

After dinner, we worked on wedding planning - we're getting married on June 24, 2023! We ordered wedding rings online from James Allen and listened to classical music instrumentals on Spotify to see what we'd like to include in our ceremony. We still have a long way to go, but we're getting there.

**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?**

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