



"One Day in May"

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Describe your day today -- did you go out? what did you do for fun? did you cook or eat anything special? did you do work or chores? who did you spend time with?

Today is a sunny Friday. I'm working in my home office with the windows open. My teenage daughters are still sleeping. Outside I hear a neighbor mowing their lawn and birds happily chirping. I'm looking at two strings of cut out hearts that my daughters and I hung in the front window to add a little positivity to our street. Our new puppy, Rosie (14 weeks old) is in "puppy kindergarten" today and I'm so grateful to have a quiet morning to catch up on my emails! I can't wait for my husband to get home today...we plan to sit in our backyard, watch Rosie chase birds and eat grass, and listen to some music together!

What do you remember best about being on campus in May of other years?

My last days at Hanover were filled with tears and hugs (I know this wasn't quarantine-approved but I couldn't resist). I was unprepared for the sadness I would feel knowing this time marked a potential "last" with my seniors--last face-to-face interaction (this is why I couldn't resist hugs). On the last Tuesday of face-to-face classes, I held a zoom "practice" class in place of our regular class. Some students zoomed in and others joined me in our classroom (CFA 107) to see how the technology worked. I was so happy for the handful of students who joined me in the classroom. I don't think I've ever felt so emotional on campus. I miss my students dearly. I miss my colleagues. I miss sitting in my office and hearing the buzz of student chatter when class lets out in CFA 204. I miss Hanover. <virtual hug> to everyone who reads this :)

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