



"One Day in May"

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Class Year: 1988

Connection to the College (student? faculty? alum? friend of the College?): Alumnus/alumna

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?

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By Ellin Marie Demaree Iselin

Friday, May 15, 2020

Jacksonville, Florida

Sunrise 6:32 a.m.

Sunset 8:14 p.m.

Maximum temperature yesterday: 86 °F (at 1:33 pm)

Minimum temperature yesterday: 69 °F (at 12:18 am)

Average temperature yesterday: 78 °F

Woke up at dawn to the varied voices of a Mockingbird---and of course a cup of coffee!!!

7 a.m. Listened to the news on WOKV radio.

7:30 a.m. Walked Max the Doberman.

8:20 a.m. Drove to my (new home office) condo closer to the beach.

9 a.m. Began my virtual workday with FSCJ Artist Series (Broadway in Jacksonville).

<https://www.fscjartistseries.org/>

Tasks:

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9 a.m. checked e-mails (individual and Groups, Facebook news FSCJ, FSCJ Artist Series, Groups School Groups) Checked v-mail.

9:30 a.m. Worked on Groups Sales report

11:30 a.m. Talked with supervisor

Noon Responded to e-mail, checked v-mail

12:30 p.m. Tessitura marketing video

1 p.m. Worked on Wordfly hardbounces

1:15 p.m. out

2 p.m. Siesta. Thought of my Uncle John, Hanover College '65. Thought of my other family members who graduated from Hanover: Father William "Fritz" Iselin '60; Cousins Sam Bonsett '87 and Casey Bonsett '91. Are they writing now too? It's likely I'm related to many more Hanoverians given the knowledge of DNA genealogy in the third millennium. From Ancestry.com, I learned that I am descended from the settlers of the Ohio River Valley!

2:30 p.m. Conference call with Joe Coulson, president of Harrison Middleton University where I earned my doctorate.

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3:15 p.m. Drove to my parents' house ten minutes away.
4 p.m. Biked to the shopping center to buy pets' medicine and groceries. Put on mask and gloves!
6:30 p.m. Watched the evening news with my Daddy.
7:30 p.m. Drove back to the condo, unpacked groceries.
8:10 p.m. Drove to 21st Century Studios
8:30 p.m. Walked Max the Doberman
9:40 p.m. Heading home with my teen driver Carlos at the wheel...
10 p.m. Pulled over into a pawnshop parking lot to switch drivers because Carlos is on his learner's permit time limit.
Home at 10:09, and now I'm ready for wine!
10:15 p.m. Cleaned the condo while Carlos made himself dinner.
11:30 p.m. Jogged to the mailbox while watching the shining stars in the dark night sky.
Around midnight...
Bedtime with prayers of gratitude to be alive on this One Day in May.

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

Commencement May 22, 1988. It was a warm, beautiful day, and I was blessed to have family and friends in attendance: father Fritz Iselin '60, mother Barbara Coffman Iselin, sister Erinn Iselin. Grandpa Paul Coffman, Aunt Sandy Coffman Wesley, cousins Lisa Wesley Kingrey (pregnant with Emilie), Natalie, John and Stephen Kingrey, and my lifelong friend Chip.

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