



# "One Day in May"

(May 15, 2021)

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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?

On May 15 I woke up at 8am to do my laundry. I always get up early to do it so I don't compete with other students for washer and dryer space. Then I worked at the library from 11-1pm and finished training our new student worker. After that I went for a run, grabbed a salad from the UG and worked 3-6pm. I was really happy for this shift because I worked with Megan and she always talks to me. We talked about her brothers prom and our families. Afterwards I hung out with some friends and got pizza from the Shoebox. It was Rock the box where they had all sorts of events going on. It was late when we got there, but I'm happy we went!

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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?

I think what I will remember most is my time at home. As a rising Junior in 2020 I didn't think I was going to be home much longer. Originally I was supposed to be a camp counselor in North Carolina, but I ended up working at our hometown Home Depot. Instead, Although I was disappointed, it is probably one of my last extensive stays at home. It was also one of my last chances to spend time with family friends. I ended up babysitting the daughter of a woman who babysat me. I may have never been a part of the little girl's life if it wasn't for the pandemic. I will remember how sad it was to leave Hanover in the Spring of 2020. And how devastated I was when I tested positive in the beginning of November, meaning I wouldn't be back on campus until January 2021. I will remember our family friend's daughter who was taken from us because of Covid, and both my parents experiencing unemployment. I will remember the tears and laughter that this pandemic brought. But now, I know how to live in a new world that has brought me more opportunities than I could imagine.