



"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?

On May 15th, I was home in Louisville, Ky. I got up around 8:30 and got breakfast. I had dance rehearsal at 10 am. All of us are wearing masks while dancing and social distancing to the best of our abilities. That lasted for 2 hours and we discussed plans for our in-person recital. I wasn't planning on dancing this year but since our recital was recording last year I wanted to perform one last time. The theatre will be at 60% capacity and all guests must wear masks. Dancers will wear masks while not on stage except for our big productions which are the only dances I am in this year. My brother was supposed to take me home since he is also in the production but he got sick from not eating so my dad and little brother picked me up. My older brother and I ordered Salsarita's for pickup and my little brother got McDonalds for curbside pick-up. The worker got annoyed that my dad had left the car and complain to us and refused to hand my brother and I the food and then complained to my dad. None of us really understood the point of that. I got nachos. They were pretty good. I then did some unpacking of things I brought back from my dorm room. My dad and I left Louisville, Ky around 2 pm to go back to campus. I was really tired and took a nap when I got back on campus till about 6 pm. I ate my leftover fries from the underground for dinner. Then I watched CSI and did Dot-to-dot extremes before completing my bedtime routine. First I did a brain workout on Elevate, then 20 xp worth of Duolingo, and a brain workout on Peak. Then I filled out my emotion journal, my gratitude journal, my regular journal, and answered my question of the day. Lastly, I fell asleep to PopularMMOs challenge game videos on YouTube.

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 I will remember the most how strong I actually am. I came out as nonbinary during the pandemic and started my transition. I did not have a real ending to my high school experience and still feel like a high schooler every now and then but I did not let this stop me from growing. I cut my hair and got two binders and started dressing how I wanted to. I started exploring my style. My friends describe it as a frat boy but honestly I'm just happy I finally have a style aside from whatever I grabbed or what my depression said too.

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I had my first year of college during the pandemic. When I first moved onto campus, everyone had to wear a mask and get their temperature checked before coming inside. It's been a struggle to make friends during this pandemic. There have been virtually no in-person events only virtual events (see what I did there). I have three close friends and multiple acquaintances that I have made. My closest relationship would have to be with my mentor. We meet every single week and just talk about whatever we want. My other two close friends are roommates and one I met before coming to Hanover and the other I met at the "party" we had during august experience. I think it was called the social distancing soirée or something like that. I can't tell you the names of most of my classmates since we can't really talk easily due to social distancing.

Classes were interesting. Everyone was six feet apart in their own desk area. Everyone was wearing masks and there was no contact with other which meant group projects were not really a thing. I had an entirely virtual class in my first semester. It was Spanish class. I also had an in-person Spanish class my second semester. I actually preferred the virtual format since we could go into breakout rooms and work together without hearing others.

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