

I was a senior in high school when the Coronavirus pandemic hit. At first, it seemed like we were just going to have a normal spring break and come back to school the week after. Then all these events started getting cancelled, and we soon came to realize it would be at least a couple of weeks before going to school again. As a senior, the start of not having so much school stuff was nice. Then all these senior events got cancelled and it started getting real. The days at home started to get longer and longer and prom was called off. That was one of the more disappointing ones. I had already bought my dress, and I still have not been able to wear it two years later. I was lucky that my graduation was not affected. We had it outside at Texas Motor Speedway. I also was lucky that I do not burn in the sun as easily as some people. A lot of people got sunburnt at graduation.

It was hard not seeing my friends while we were in the strict stages of quarantine. I was unaware that the last day of midterms was the last day I was going to see my friends till the end of May. It was an adjustment, and some days it was a miracle that I had not murdered my sister. We shared a room at the time, so we spent a lot of time together and being trapped in the house did not help. One of the first contacts I got was with my close family for my birthday. I did a drive by to see my family that lived close to me. Towards summertime, I got to go see friends a little more which was nice. It was easier to get up each morning knowing that I could enjoy the outside air and have some different people interactions.

Coming to college, was a different experience. Even in the Fall of 2019, I imagined that college would be a whole other experience, but I have learned some things from starting school during Covid. It has been very interesting, and that first semester I did not go out much. I only went out to get dinner, to my friend's dorm, and to go to class. The next semester I ventured out a little more but did not really go out much still. Fall 2021 is when I started venturing out a lot

more. I went to my school's football games without a mask, classes were not requiring masks as much. In the past year, I have still been cautious but not living my life in a bubble. I know that Covid-19 is still out there, but I have realized that it is not going to go away for a while. We still have another strain of the SARS virus that has been out in the world for years. Specialists have said that covid will start being seasonal like the flu virus. We will just have to keep an eye out. I know that we do not know what could happen in a few weeks so we need to live our life's but not go crazy like nothing matters.