

Transcript of Interview with Annika Lauer by Melissa Kim

Interviewee: Annika Lauer

Interviewer: Melissa Kim

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Abstract: I recorded a mini oral history with my friend about her experiences in the pandemic.

Melissa Kim 0:01

Hi, my name is Melissa Kim, and I'm a undergraduate student at Arizona State University enrolled in HST 494. The date is February 21, 2021, and the time is 8:33 p.m., and I'm speaking with Annika Lauer. I wanted to ask you a question about your pandemic experience, but before I do, I would like to ask for your consent to record this response for the COVID-19 Archive. The COVID-19 Archive is a digital archive at Arizona State University that is collecting pandemic experiences. Do I have your consent to record your response and add it to the archive with your name?

Annika Lauer 0:33

Yes

Melissa Kim 0:34

Thank you. First, can you tell me your name, age, race and where you live?

Annika Lauer 0:39

Okay, my name is Annika Lauer, I am 20 years old, I am white. I live in Tempe during the school year and in Tucson when school is not in session.

Melissa Kim 0:56

Thank you, now I'd like to ask you a quick question about the pandemic. We've experienced a lot of changes in 2020 and many have been negative and disruptive, but perhaps it's not all that bad. What's one positive thing you've experienced during the pandemic?

Annika Lauer 1:11

I would say that the pandemic has allowed me to experience things I would have not otherwise. For example, I, especially in lieu of you know, being able to go out and do things, I picked up baking as a hobby. The thing about that is that has allowed me to, you know, have that when I probably wouldn't have even thought about picking that up otherwise. And through baking I have learned to accept my insecurities and flaws. It also has let me give to people, because you know I can give my baked goods to people. I've also started learning bamboo flute and things like that. So, I think a lot of opportunities to learn new things that I wouldn't have even considered otherwise because I would have been too focused on going out and doing things.

Melissa Kim 2:01

Thank you for your time today.

Annika Lauer 2:03
Okay.